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TO ALL OF YOU, FROM ALL OF US

Another Christmas season has come and as we think of all of you who have been so co-operative and helpful in our various efforts to help lead Mississippi Baptists onward and upward, we want you to know how grateful we are for your continuing love and cooperation.

We extend Christmas greetings and good wishes to everyone of you. You have helped

and encouraged us and we pledge to you that we will faithfully strive to write a new and more glorious record of service and stewardship and testimony before another Christmas comes.

We and all who are connected with Baptist Headquarters pledge to you our best efforts and beg of you the same.

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Foreign Mission Board Appoints Two Mississippians As Missionaries



Miss Fanny Starns (left) and Dr. and Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite examine a statuette at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va. They were appointed missionaries by the Board at its December meeting. Miss Starns and Mrs. Applewhite are natives of Mississippi.

Two natives of Mississippi were among 10 young people appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its December meeting. They are Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite, formerly LaVerne Viverette, of Statesville, N. C., and Miss Fanny Starns, of New Orleans, La.

Dr. and Mrs. Applewhite will serve in Indonesia and Miss

Starns in Thailand.

Mrs. Applewhite, a native of Union, attended Blue Mountain College and received the bachelor of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

She held various positions, including summer student worker for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Louisiana, secretary at St. Charles Avenue

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1957 SBC Budget Increases Missions

Marked Copies Will Save Letters

There will be no issue of the Baptist Record next week. It is a custom of long standing to omit the Christmas week issue or the week thereafter.

Each year we make an announcement similar to the one above. But, announcement or no announcement, we get several letters asking why no paper was received.

In order to save time, paper and postage in answering such letters, we are having extra copies of this week's issue printed. To those who overlook this announcement and write, a copy of this article will be mailed to them.

FOREIGN AND HOME BOARDS TO GET \$1,015,000 MORE

1955 Receipts Probably \$750,000 Over 1954

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention plans to intensify its missionary program in the United States and overseas will receive a strong boost in the Convention's proposed 1957 budget.

The budget, for \$11 million, has been approved by the Convention's Executive Committee, and will be submitted to the 1956 annual Convention meeting in Kansas City.

Operating budgets for the Foreign and Home Mission Boards will be increased \$1,015,000 over the 1956 budget,

which has already been accepted by the Convention.

The Foreign Mission Board's budget for capital expenses in 1957 will remain the same as for 1956, at \$600,000, but there will be some increase in that for the Home Mission Board.

The capital expense item for the Home Board in 1956 is \$439,800. It increases to \$500,000 if the 1957 budget gets Convention adoption.

The \$11 million budget for 1957 is \$1 million higher than the 1956 budget — which means that the entire increase is represented in the additional missionary allocations.

The budget figure represents Cooperative Program funds for these two mission boards, for Convention-operated seminaries, and for other SBC boards and agencies. It does not include designated offerings and does not include gifts to be used locally by churches and state conventions.

The Executive Committee, (Continued on Page 2)

Asks More Churches To Give Half To Missions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention has asked that more churches give at least half of their total annual receipts to missions.

Porter Routh, of Nashville, said that only nine-tenths of 1 per cent of Southern Baptist churches gave at least half of their receipts last year to missions. There are over 29,000 churches.

He told Baptist leaders here for a church finance workshop that "I hope to see 5 per cent of all Southern Baptist churches giving over half their receipts to missions by 1958."

Comparing 1954 figures with those for 1950, Routh said the newer financial report was "encouraging but shows we have a long way yet to go to meet our world mission needs."

The average Southern Baptist church member gave, during 1954, about two and one-fourth per cent of his income to his church. This, he said, compares with the average American's

giving less than one per cent of his total income to any benevolent work, including both churches and charity.

"However," Routh continued, "when we measure the two and one-fourth per cent of Southern Baptists against the Bible requirement of a tithe (ten per cent), we see again how far we still have to go."

Prepared by Statistician — The 1954 financial report was prepared in Nashville by the department of survey, statistics, and information, Baptist Sunday School Board, under the direction of J. P. Edmunds, department secretary.

It shows, Routh pointed out, that fewer Southern Baptist churches are giving nothing at all to missions and that more churches are giving over 50 per cent of their receipts to missions.

In 1950, 9.6 per cent of the churches gave nothing to missions. In 1954, that percentage dropped to 6 per cent.

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Highlights Of Sunday School Board Meeting

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Highlights of the recent Sunday School Board semi-annual meeting here include the adoption of a new pension plan to be administered by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. It will offer increased benefits for Board employees in Nashville, the 49 book stores, and the employees of the Ridgecrest and Glorieta summer assemblies.

A Broadman Press publication, Maid of Israel, by Tolbert R. Ingram, which has been on Broadman's "best-seller" list since its release Apr. 5, will be brought out next year in Holland.

Funds were approved for Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly improvements and additions, in (Continued on Page 2)

1957 SBC Budget . . .

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meeting here, also heard Convention Treasurer Porter Routh report thousands of more dollars have been received on the 1955 budget.

Routh said through mid-December \$11,236,029 had come in for Convention work. He estimated \$275,000 more would be received through the Cooperative Program by the end of the calendar year.

This compared, he said, with \$10,739,497 for all of 1954.

Routh presented Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, with a check for \$469,154 for work of that board. Courts Redford, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, accepted a check for \$156,384 on the Board's behalf.

The checks were part of 1955 funds received during the "Advance" program. After the annual budget was met in October, all funds began going exclusively to these mission boards.

The Foreign Mission Board will receive the greatest amount in operating expenses in the 1957 budget — \$3,950,000 — compared with \$3,200,000 in 1956.

The Home Mission Board's operating budget is \$1,050,000 for 1957, up \$265,000 over 1956.

Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., which is developing a new campus site, will receive more capital funds in 1957 than any other school, agency, or board. Its allocation is \$626,733 for this purpose.

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Foreign Mission . . .

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Baptist Church, New Orleans, and educational director and secretary for several months at First Baptist Church, Homer, La.

Dr. Applewhite, a medical doctor, is a native of Atlanta, Ga. He moved with his family to Jackson, Miss., at an early age. He was graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Dr. Applewhite has been in private surgical practice in Statesville since Nov., 1952.

Dr. Applewhite told the Board that his mother and a Sunday school teacher were influential in his decision to accept Jesus as his Saviour.

Mrs. Applewhite said she was reared in a Christian home and has been active in church work since childhood.

Scheduled to sail for Indonesia late next summer, Dr. and Mrs. Applewhite will be stationed on the island of Java. They will be affiliated with a Baptist hospital now under construction at Kediri, city of 185,000 people, located in an area where there are seven doctors for 3,500,000 people.

Miss Starns, a native of Hattiesburg, received the bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana College, Pineville, and the master of religious education de-

Asks More . . .

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While the per centage of churches giving at least half their receipts to missions remains small, the number of these churches has almost doubled since 1950 when they were only one-half of 1 per cent.

Most of the churches, Routh said, fall into the category of giving from 10 to 20 per cent of their total receipts to missions.

The Southern Baptist Convention still has more open country churches than it has city churches, there being more than 14,000 churches in open country compared with over 6,000 in places of more than 2,500 population.

Comparison of Churches

Routh reported that members of city churches gave more money each year than did members of churches in open country. However, a larger per centage of open country churches gave more than 50 per cent of their total church receipts to missions than did city churches.

Forty per cent of Southern Baptist churches — 12,000 — last year reported total receipts of from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Another 5,000 churches reported their total receipts were less than \$1,000. There were 5,000 churches in the range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Six thousand churches had total receipts between \$10,000 and \$50,000 while only 1,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention had total receipts above \$50,000 during 1954, according to Routh.

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Highlights Of . . .

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cluding completing and equipping the new Children's Building, further improvements of cottages, by adding electrical appliances to the kitchens; purchase of additional property; and parking area improvements.

Glorieta funds appropriated will be used to complete and equip the addition to the dining hall and kitchen; complete and furnish two wings in the Hall of States; and landscape the entrance. New work planned is the building and equipping of a three-story wing to Oklahoma Hall to serve as dormitory and class-room facilities.

gree from New Orleans Seminary.

She is now secretary in the registrar's office at New Orleans Seminary. Prior to coming to her present position in August, 1953, she was a missionary-teacher for the Louisiana Baptist Convention in Happy Jack, a summer student worker for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in California and Alabama, and secretary at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Santa Ana, Calif.

Miss Starns told the Board she was reared in a Christian home and accepted Christ as her Saviour at an early age.

Alabama Baptists Urge To Elect 'Dry Governor'

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (BP)

— The president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention urged members of that faith to elect a "dry, Christian governor and lieutenant governor."

In his president's address to the annual state convention meeting here, Montgomery Minister Henry L. Lyon said, "Baptists long for reform in Alabama. Wake up, Alabama Baptists! We can have reform."

The 1400 attending the convention sessions were asked to exercise care in talking about and acting on racial matters. A "sober and cautious" attitude was called for, avoiding "ill-advised words or acting in an unbecoming manner."

Vote Howard Funds

Convention messengers voted Howard College, their Baptist school here, \$2 1/2 million on its new campus building program. The amount will be provided over a 5-year period.

The 1956 Cooperative Program budget will be \$2,556,000, with \$890,000 for work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Plans For World Missions Conferences Taking Shape In All Parts Of State

Reports coming from over the state indicate that plans looking to a successful series of World Missions Conferences Jan. 16-20 are already underway with real effectiveness, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state executive secretary-treasurer.

A report from Monroe Association, Rev. Frank Thomas, Aberdeen, Convention Board member, reveals that their executive committee has already met and that the Conference, set for Aberdeen First Church, on Tuesday night, will be a mass meeting of Monroe County Baptists.

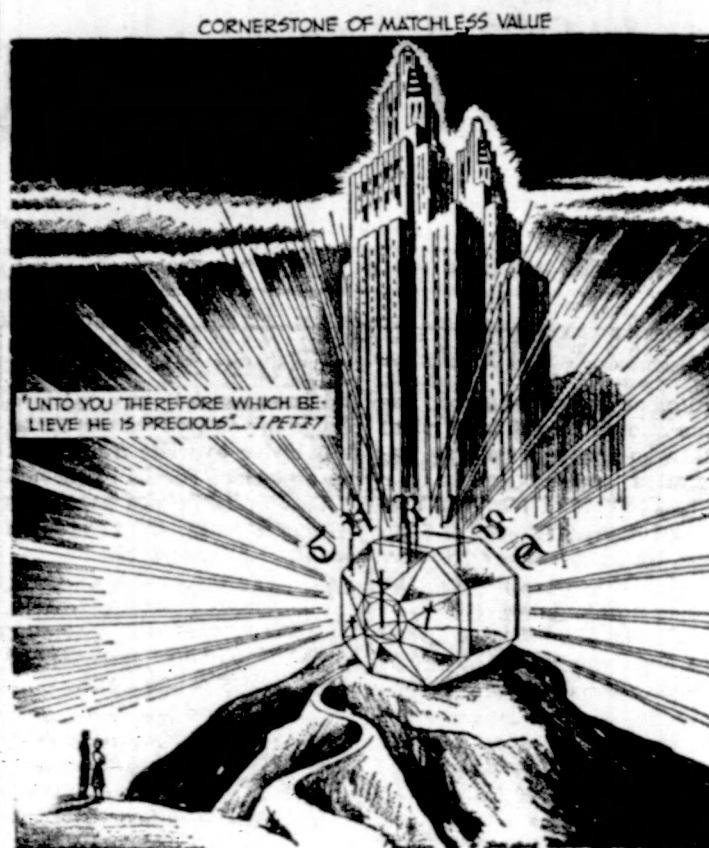
Rev. H. B. Nail, Smithville, moderator, has been designated to preside in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Thomas who will be a team member in another association.

Reports from Pontotoc Association are to the effect that they are planning for a crowd larger than that on Training Union "M" Night.

Their meeting will be at Pontotoc First Church on Friday night. Rev. Tom Douglas is Convention Board member and Rev. Foy Rogers is superintendent of missions.

Other reports indicate an increased interest in this year's conferences due to the emphasis on World Missions.

These conferences are being sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, with the cooperation of local associational leadership and the Convention Board member in each association is taking the lead



at each meeting.

Each conference will be presided over by the Convention Board member or someone else so designated by local associational leadership.

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Eastside Church in Rankin County will have only one service on Sunday, Christmas Day. There will be a combined service in the morning from 9:00 to 10:00 o'clock. At 7:30 on Friday night, December 23, the church will have a Christmas program followed by a "Christmas tree" party.

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Let's Put Christ In Christmas

Another Christmas season has arrived, and another season of hustle and bustle came with it. We offer no remedy for this condition but we do suggest a few things that will make Christmas more nearly conform to the Christ after whom it was named and whose birth it should celebrate.

Too many emphasize the getting and not the giving. Too many give only to those from whom they expect a gift. Well do we recall a young lady who after the Christmas tree had been stripped of its packages took pencil and paper in hand. After a few minutes of figuring she announced that she had lost \$3.17. She meant that the presents she gave cost that much more than the presents she received. **Christ didn't count the cost of His giving. He gave his best and His all.**

Try giving something to a family in need. A basket of food or a few toys would brighten your Christmas as it brightens the Christmas of someone less fortunate. And while you are well there are others who are sick or afflicted. Remember them. They won't give you a present in return but the brightness in their eyes and the glow on the cheeks will outweigh any pres-

ent you will get in exchange for a gift.

Do not put into practice that old ditty which went, "Christmas comes but once a year, and if I get drunk you needn't care." Some people practice that literally and others practice it in other intemperate ways. If ever we should try to reach perfection, we know of no better season than Christmas. We celebrate the birthday of Him who was perfect. Let's not let the bars down. Do nothing during the Christmas season that will bring blushes in the days to come.

Another good way to observe Christmas (it comes on Sunday) is to attend church. If ever you plan to be absent don't let it be Christmas day. And either at church or during the Christmas season rededicate your life to Him. He gave His all for you.

And we know of no more appropriate time than the Christmas season to try to win someone to Christ. It will make Christmas for that person one forever to be remembered and to you it will bring a joy that no other present can bring.

IN FACT, LET'S PUT CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

Give Your Church A Christmas Gift

At this season of the year we are planning our Christmas giving. Many of us have long lists.

May we suggest the addition of one name to that list. We refer to your church.

Why not give your church a Christmas present? You could give it a memorial window, a memorial organ, 100 hymn books, a planting of new shrubbery, or any of the gifts it really needs.

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Let's Thank Them

There is now being placed before American people two significant Baptist stories. Dr. V. Carney Hargrove who made the trip this summer to Russia had an article in the Saturday Evening Post on December 10 entitled "I Went Preaching Through Russia."

Also, Dr. Theodore Adams was featured in a cover story for Time magazine December 5.

Regarding the two pieces and the editors of the two magazines we wonder if we might not keep in mind a statement by Mr. Sam Goldwyn once in talking to newspaper reporters. He said, "If you say something nice about me it makes me feel good. If you say something not nice about me, it makes me feel bad. But if you don't say anything about me, it makes me feel worse."

Not long ago an editor of one of the national magazines said, "Will you please tell me why when we print something about Roman Catholics or Lutherans or Episcopalians we get scores and scores of letters but when we print something about Southern Baptists nobody except just an official now and then ever appears to take any notice?"

THIS URGENT REQUEST: It

will greatly help if you will write or wire the editors of these two magazines your appreciation of their carrying Baptist articles. You may not agree with all that is said and you may want to say so, but regardless of your feelings some word of appreciation of notice will help.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES may be found on the title pages of the two magazines.

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Look At This And Do Your Best

Perhaps some of you have heard of the little boy who had a pet bantam hen. One day on a visit to a neighbor he saw a goose sitting on her nest. After she had laid an egg the boy was surprised at the size thereof. He begged the neighbor for one of the goose eggs. His mother could not understand what he wanted with a goose egg, but later on she learned.

When they got home he went into the hen house. His mother was anxious to know what he was doing there and went out and saw in the bantam hen's nest the goose egg and over it a sign, "Look at this and do your best."

For the benefit of any Southern Baptist organization we give the figures below concerning the YWA at the Training School in Rio de Janeiro, we offer the same advice, "Look at this and do your best."

According to the counselor, Miss Minnie Landrum, native of Mississippi, that organization is the most perfect missionary organization that she has ever seen. There are 47 members; eight regular monthly meetings; 47 tithers; 47 Bible readers; 47 engaged each month in Christian activities.

MANY MISS THE VERTICAL GIFT EXCHANGE



Our Readers Write

SHE LIKES BIBLE PUZZLE

Spanish Fort, Miss.
Dec. 10, 1955

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I enjoy the crossword puzzle very much, and think it is an aid to Bible reading and study. Hope you continue to print it.

Very Respectfully,
Mrs. Leslie Thompson

Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor
Baptist Record
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Editor Goodrich:

In the October 20 issue of the Baptist Record there appeared a statement concerning Magnolia Boy's Town. In answer to this article I wish to submit the following facts.

Magnolia Boy's Town, being constructed on Boguehouma Lake, five miles east of Laurel on Hwy. 84, is not sectarian and is being built by and for the people of Mississippi. It not only is non-sectarian, but is non-political, non-profit, and state-wide.

Big Brothers Clubs are being organized all over the state to assist in raising the funds necessary and assist in administration for Mississippi's own home for neglected, unwanted, and otherwise needy boys.

The name of Southern Baptist News is well known now in Mississippi since it is in its eighth successful year of publication. It is a charitable corporation and is not owned by Mississippi Baptists. I appreciate the committee's interest and the publicity given Magnolia Boys' Town by the clarification of this point. I am happy that we already have scores of leading Baptist and Baptist ministers and others from all church groups in Mississippi.

Within a period of seven months, Magnolia Boys' Town has assets in grounds, warehouse, grading, complete water system, brick, blocks, doors, locks, seashell, signs, office supplies, tools, electrical supplies, labor, ear-

load of sand, lumber, and other types of building materials, money, and services collected and pledged to be collected later, totaling \$50,616.00.

We only need \$10,000 in cash today to complete and start operating Magnolia Boys' Town with at least twenty-five boys in our care. We are naturally hoping and praying that organizations, business firms, industries, and private individuals will join hands and hearts with us in completing this main unit by Christmas of this year.

We need the help and prayers of every individual who shares this burden and love for defeated, homeless unwanted, and unfortunate boys.

Any further information desired from any person or group may be obtained by writing Magnolia Boys' Town, Box 1055, Laurel, Mississippi. Rev. Henry Bucklew

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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have to be sent.

Colombian Presbyterian Schools To Enroll Only 'Non-Catholics'

BOGOTA (RNS) — Several hundred Roman Catholic students at the American Schools operated in Colombia by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. face the problem of registering as non-Catholics or going elsewhere next year.

According to a government measure, religious subjects must be taught to Catholic students at non-Catholic schools by Catholic teachers — probably priests. Rather than accept this ruling the half dozen or more American Schools have advised parents that they will accept only students who register as non-Catholics.

The Bogota school reports

that most of its Catholic students have enrolled for the new term.

Pilgrim's Rest Calls New Pastor

Rev. Emmett Carpenter has accepted the pastorate of the Pilgrim's Rest Church in Zion Association. A native of Starkville, he was educated at Mississippi State College and at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Carpenter was pastor of Viola Church for five years and served as Army Chaplain for thirteen years, serving in the South Pacific, Japan, and Korea.

PREACHERS ALERT - READY

There are 535 Southern Baptist preachers in Reserve in all branches of the services. An additional 281 Southern Baptist Reserve chaplains are needed now.

At least 94 vacancies exist in Army Reserve units and National Guard. An additional number is needed for the over-all Reserve program.

The Navy needs 104 well-qualified Southern Baptist ministers in Reserve.

Ready Reserves in the Air Force could accept an additional 65.

In the Veterans Administration chaplaincy there will probably be eight vacancies during 1956. Advance training is essential in this specialized ministry.

Basic qualifications briefly are: Preferably two years full-time, resident pastoral experience. The A. B. and B. D. degrees or their equivalent. At the time of receiving commission the applicant must have attained 21st birthday and not attained 34th for the Army and Air Force, 35th for the Navy, and 40th for the Veterans Administration.

On active duty; we have 430. Our quota for active duty chaplains is filled in all branches. Current vacancies are replaced from Reserves requesting active duty.

Southside, H'burg Buys Pastorium And Observes Anniversary

Southside Church, Hattiesburg, recently bought a pastorium across the street from the church. The pastor, Rev. Garland McInnis, and his family have already moved into the new home.

Southside Church observed its third anniversary on Sunday, December 18. It was organized on December 14, 1952. Rev. Garland McInnis, city pastor, who helped in the organization, was then called as its pastor.

tive duty.

For information pertaining to military write Chief of Chaplains of branch of service you desire (ie) Department of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

For denominational information write the Chaplains Commission, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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Type Setting Completed On Baptist Hymnal

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB) —"Amen!" The last note on the last word on the last plate of the Baptist Hymnal was set Friday, Nov. 18, at 10:00 o'clock at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The new 576-page hymnal, a three-year project, will be ready Mar. 1, according to Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the Board's Church Music Department, and editor of the Hymnal.

The setting of the last note was celebrated by the personnel of the Music Department and the Broadman Typographic Section, Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary - treasurer, and Dr. W. L. Howse, director of the Board's Education Division. The group gathered around the type cases at Charles Montgomery, typographer, placed the music note in place in the "Amen" for No. 544 in the Hymnal, and sang the "Doxology." Final proofs of the Hymnal were then delivered to Dr. Sims.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 36th annual session of the Chickasaw County Association. The meeting was held with the Arbor Grove and Bethel Churches. The 1956 session will be held with the Houston and Amity Churches. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

South Carolina Adds To Hospital Program

COLUMBIA, S. C. — (BP) — The Baptist State Convention of South Carolina is adding to its hospital program and is securing funds for a home for the aged.

The convention, meeting here, voted to construct an addition to South Carolina Baptist Hospital in Columbia, and to complete hospital construction in the city of Easley.

Dr. and Mrs. Percy A. Bethea, of Darlington, S. C., donated \$100,000 cash and over 170 acres of land on which to locate the home for the aged. In their honor, the home will be named Bethea Baptist Home.

\$2,750,000 Budget

The convention will operate in 1956 on a total budget of \$2,750,000. The current operations portion amounts to \$1,257,400 and will be shared equally by the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

General expenses of \$304,500 for the year are a priority item to be deducted before any other distributions are made.

Funds received after meeting the priority item and the current operations portion will be used for capital needs, 60 per cent staying in the state and the remaining two-fifths going to SBC.

The convention reaffirmed its stand against liquor and gambling. It adopted a resolution asking the trustees of Furman University, which is supported and owned by the convention, to abolish Greek-letter fraternities.

The university trustees earlier had forbidden construction of any fraternity houses on its new campus property near Greenville.

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Drew Church Burns

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the sanctuary of the First Church, Drew on Monday night, Dec. 19.

Discovered about midnight, the fire had gained such headway that the local fire department was unable to control the fire and firemen from Clarksdale, Ruleville and Cleveland were summoned. They were able to keep the fire from spreading but unable to save the sanctuary.

Fortunately all records were kept in the new Sunday School annex which was saved. And the pastor, Dr. David Grant says that he was lucky in that his office, sermons, books and other pastoral supplies were in the new annex and undamaged.

The total amount of the loss has not yet been determined but preliminary estimates indicate that it will require about \$200,000 to replace the burned sanctuary.

Sunday School Board To Ask For New Name

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Members of the Baptist Sunday School Board here have decided that some other name would better fit its wide scope of activities.

The Board will ask the Southern Baptist Convention to change its name to "The Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention."

When the name Baptist Sunday School Board was applied in 1891, the work of the agency was concerned only with Sunday School literature. Over six decades later, the Sunday School department is but one of many in the Board.

Among its other departments it has those of survey, statistics, and information; Baptist Training Union; art; church music; church architecture; Baptist student work; recreation; church library; audio-visual aids; book publishing; advertising; home education, and so on.

Members of the Board said, however, that the change will not take place immediately, even if approved by the Convention which meets next in Kansas City May 30. The change will come only after 8 million Southern Baptists have been prepared to give up the name Baptist Sunday School Board, which has become an everyday expression.

Union, Sr. Church Calls New Pastor



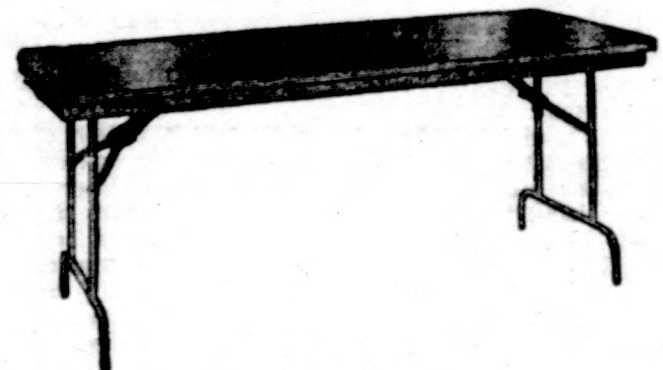
Rev. C. J. Hughes

Rev. C. J. Hughes has accepted the full-time pastorate of the Union, Sr. Church in Covington County. He was formerly pastor of the Sanford and Antioch Churches in the same county.

When he and Mrs. Hughes moved into the pastorium at Union, Sr. on November 28 they found a well-filled pantry. The ladies of the church also furnished a nice supper for them that day.

The church has the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record and plans a new building in the near future.

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Conference On Religion To Attract 250 Laymen

Graham, Frank Clement, Others To Attend Meeting

Some 250 business and professional men from all over the country will come to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in January to talk about how to better put their Christian faith into practice.

The three-day invitational conference will bring to Louisville such men as evangelist Billy Graham; the Governor of Tennessee; the president of the American Bar Association; a former president of Rotary International; an atomic scientist; the senior editor of Reader's Digest; Howard E. Butt, Jr., grocery-chain owner and part-time evangelist; several prominent bankers, and the heads of some large corporations.

The idea for the pioneer conference came up in a conversation one day between Charles E. Curry, president of Home Federal Savings, Kansas City, and Dr. Cort R. Flint, administrative assistant at the seminary.

The conference, called a layman's leadership institute, will be January 12, 13, and 14 and have as its theme, "The Layman In World Evangelism."

Stanley High, Pleasantville, N. Y., Reader's Digest editor, will discuss "The Christian Witness of a Journalist."

Tennessee Governor Frank Clement will discuss "The Need for Christians In Politics."

Parley To Hear Scientist

Ralph Overman, an Oak Ridge, Tenn., scientist, will talk about "The Christian Witness of a Scientist" and Ben Wooten, Dallas, president of First National Bank there, will describe "The Christian Witness of a Businessman."

Dr. Nelson Bell, Asheville, Graham's father-in-law, will talk about "The Christian Witness of A Doctor." Smythe

Grambrell, Atlanta, president of the American Bar Association, will discuss "The Christian Witness of a Lawyer." These are only a few of the scheduled speeches.

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Study Shows Clergy Among Lowest Paid

NEW YORK (RNS) — Clergymen are among the lowest paid professional workers in this wealthy nation, according to a survey by the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, associate director of the council's department of research and survey, said that a study of reports for 1953 submitted by three of its larger affiliated denominations showed that while some ministers' salaries are increasing slightly they still do not keep pace with those of laymen.

"Probably more church members and laymen generally are feeling increasing concern about pastors' low salaries," he said. "That may account for the rise in salaries. But, in terms of food and clothing, the clergy — disconcertingly enough — still do not come off as well as the average member of lay society."

In comparing average incomes of clergymen to those for men in other walks of life, Dr. Landis said, the year 1949 has to be used since it is the latest for which figures are available covering all fields.

In that year, ministers had a median salary of \$2,412 while accountants and auditors made \$4,002, architects \$5,580, dentists \$6,232, lawyers and judges \$6,257, and physicians \$8,115. The only professional men with smaller average incomes than clergymen that year were

Shiloh (Marion) Calls New Pastor



Rev. D. R. Stringer

Shiloh Church in Marion County has called Rev. Darwin R. Stringer as pastor. The new pastor began his ministry there on December 4.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Stringer of Sumrall, he attended Clarke College, and plans to enter Mississippi College in January.

Mr. Stringer was serving as a Sunday School teacher at First Church, Columbia when he was called to the Shiloh pastorate.

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artists and art teachers who averaged only \$2,360.

Bakers, blacksmiths, bookkeepers, and bus drivers all averaged more than clergymen in 1949 with only farmers, barbers, deckhands, waiters and laborers receiving less annual cash income.

Sunday School Department

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

As we come to another Christmas season we wish for each and all a very happy and joyful time.

This wish is shared by all members of the Sunday School Department. We sincerely hope that the spirit of Him who gave us Christmas may be reflected in all people.

Christmas time is different because the Giver of Christmas is different. And while we enjoy this Christmas season, may it be in the right sense, just as the Giver of it would have it.

May it remind us again of His love for all; of His unselfishness in life; of His willingness to give even himself that others might be helped; of humility of spirit, without arrogance or hypocrisy; of His eagerness to serve anywhere.

And so, we wish for each and all a full measure of happiness and good times at this Christmas season, always keeping in our minds that without Christ there would be no Christmas.

A Merry Christmas To All!

ADULT CONFERENCES NEXT WEEK

The Adult Sunday school conferences at Memphis and Mobile will be on Thursday and Friday of next week, December 29-30.

The program will begin at 10:00 on Thursday morning and close at noon Friday.

Get as many of your Adult people as you can to attend one of these meetings. They are in the interest of reaching and helping more adults this year, and especially the men.

STANDARD JUNIOR UNITS

DEPARTMENTS: Junior 1, Parkway, Jackson, Mrs. Jean D. Dawson, Superintendent, with Mrs. M. O. Barnett, Mrs. M. Allen, Mr. Vernon Smith, Mrs. S. J. Johnson and Mrs. R. H. Walker as teachers; Junior 3, Parkway, Jackson, Mrs. Jessie, Superintendent, with Miss Rose Marie Jones, Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Mrs. H. L. Dean, Mrs. T. C. Ruffin, Mr.

A. A. Calender, Mrs. John F. Byrd and Mr. Ernest Hemphill as teachers; Junior Department, Prentiss, Mrs. B. C. Clark, Superintendent, with Mrs. A. J. Stamps, Mrs. Ralph Harris, Mr. Ira W. Powell, Mrs. J. O. Boyd, and Mr. E. W. Speights as teachers; Junior Department, Morton, Mrs. Dan R. Ott, Superintendent, with Mrs. Charles O. Walter and Mrs. Percy Gandy as teachers;

CLASSES: 9 Girls, First Kosciusko, Mrs. J. H. Duncan, teacher; Bridges, Mrs. Susan H. Bridges, teacher, T. O. Winstead's Class, Mr. T. O. Winstead, teacher, and 9 Girls, Mrs. J. S. Barnett, teacher, Jr. 1, Calvary, Jackson; 10 Year Girls, Jr. 2, Calvary, Jackson, Miss Evelyn Waggoner, teacher; Kingdom Keepers, Mrs. Bill Ready, teacher, The Crusaders, Mr. Bill Ready, teacher, 12 Year Boys, Mr. J. W. Caston, teacher, 12 Year Girls, Mrs. J. W. Caston, teacher, Jr. 4, Calvary, Jackson; Kings Soldiers, First, Pascagoula, Mr. J. C. Runnels, teacher; Solomon, Paul Tucker, teacher and Church Goers, Mrs. G. S. Burnett, Jr.

1. First, Meridian; Church Goers, Mrs. E. E. Adams, teacher, Jr. 2, First, Meridian; 9 Year Boys, Miss Elsie Freeman and Willing Workers, Miss Annie Freeman, teachers, Jr. 1, Poplar Springs, Meridian; South Side, Meridian, Bible Learners, Mrs. C. M. Boyle, teacher, 12 Year Girls, Miss Blanche Williams, teacher, King Daughters, Mrs. A. E. Plunk, teacher and Knights of the King, Mrs. R. C. Beasley, teacher; Jr. 2, First, Hattiesburg, His Followers, Mrs. George Rhodes, teacher and Six Pointers, Mrs. Fred B. James, teacher; Jr. 1, First, Brookhaven, 9 Year Girls; Jr. 2, First, McComb, 12 Year Boys, Mr. W. S. Bryan, teacher; Pelahatchie, Junior Girls 1, Mrs. M. F. Douglas, teacher; Tyertown, King's Daughters, Mr. F. M. Crawford, teacher; 10 Year Girls, Mrs. Opal Yarbrough, teacher; 11 Year Boys, Mr. Buel R. Fortenberry, teacher; and Willing Workers, Mrs. Eugene Simmons, teacher.

AS THE DAY

of OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH draws near, We at the BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, wish with all our hearts that peace, love and happiness could cover the whole earth. As the Wise Men of old presented their gifts of love to the Christ Child, so you, the Baptist Churches and the Christian members, have presented to us your gifts of love. Our appreciation is deep and sincere. May added blessings come to you because of your interest. In planning for the New Year, may our Faith become a flame, our Hope spread like a ripple, and the love of Christ, whose birthday we celebrate, reach the uttermost places of the earth as we work together for the advancement of His Kingdom.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

YOUR OTHER FAMILY

W. G. MIZE

Superintendent, Faculty and children of THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

SS Board Accepts Record Number Of Materials

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — The Sunday School Board accepted in 1954 manuscripts, photos, poems, and articles from 1,227 individuals for use in its periodicals. Materials have been received for publication in the periodicals from all 48 states and the District of Columbia and from 16 foreign countries.

Dr. W. L. Howse, director of the Board's Education Division, said this figure does not include the graded series of periodicals, Broadman publications, or tracts.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD
KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

Indians Threaten English Colonies; Lone Minister Seeks To Intervene

(17th Century Baptist Press)
BOSTON, October 13, 1636 — (BP) — The fate of the New England colonies ironically rested today in the hands of a courageous Puritan minister who went alone to the camp of hostile Indians in an effort to avert an impending massacre although he himself has been banished from the settlements. Roger Williams, fearless defender of religious liberty here and who has been banished from Boston because of his religious beliefs in England, went to the camp of the Indians today at the request of Henry Vane, governor of Massachusetts. Because of his reputation for honesty and fair dealing with the savages, the preacher has more influence with the Indians than any white man in New England. He speaks their language and has been the personal friend of the Narragansett chiefs for several years. "Unless Roger Williams is successful," Governor Vane said, "I see no hope for the English colonies."

A proposed alliance of all the major Indian tribes of New England — with the extermination of the settlers as its object — has created a state of emergency throughout the colonies. The Pequot tribe reportedly is seeking to ally itself with the Narragansetts and the smaller tribes of the area to form an invincible league and overwhelm the colonists by sheer weight of numbers.

Williams, who is in constant touch with the Indians, informed the governor that the

Pequots and Narragansetts already have arranged a truce. It was then that Governor Vane urged Williams to do all in his power to save the colonies from attack.

Without waiting for a guide, Williams left Providence, Rhode Island, for the Indian camp as soon as he received word from the governor. He was last seen crossing the Narragansett Bay alone in an open canoe during a heavy storm.

"The fate of New England is riding in that canoe with Roger Williams," Governor Vane said gravely when he received word of Williams' departure.

The Pequot tribe apparently is incensed by reprisals which followed the death of John Oldham, a trader who was murdered by the Indians. Shortly after Oldham's death a force was sent out from Boston which destroyed two Pequot villages, killing fourteen Indians and wounding others.

The Pequot tribe immediately sent envoys to the Narragansetts, seeking an alliance and asking that the English be regarded as the common enemy of all tribes.

Military leaders are plainly disturbed by news of the alliance among the Indians. Efforts have been made to win the Narragansetts as allies, but if this powerful tribe turns against the colonists the results may be disastrous, a military spokesman indicated.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

December 26 — T. E. Ross, William Carey College Trustee; J. W. Caperton, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

December 27 — Rev. John Cook, Baptist Record Advisory Committee; Rev. Foy Rogers, Pontotoc Associational Missionary.

December 28 — Mrs. W. B. McGuffee, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. D. M. Blanton, Chickasaw Association W. M. U. Supt.

December 29 — Marian Leavell, BSU Director, Ole Miss; Mrs. E. A. Pryor, Calhoun Associational Music Director.

December 30 — W. T. Johnson, Perry Associational Training Union Director; B. Whitfield, Pearl River Associational Brotherhood President.

December 31 — O. C. Robinson, Clarke College faculty; Nancy Lowrey, Baptist Building.

January 1 — W. B. Tennyson, Blue Mountain College Trustee; C. W. Thompson, Education Commission.

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My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. J. D. Nevels, Waynesboro

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." (1st Corinthians 15:19, King James)

II. By Mrs. T. B. Priest, Wilkinson

"Judge not, that ye be not judged." (Matthew 7:1, King James)

III. By Mrs. Pearl Miller, Picayune

"The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him." (II Chronicles 30:9, King James)

IV. By Mrs. May Lusich, Picayune

"Our help is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth." (Psalms 124:8, King James).

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Called and Accepted:

Merle B. Jensen, Texala, Okla.

Lewis Hope, West Lawn, Oklahoma City, Okla. from Clebit, Okla.

Leon Hill, Perry Chapel, Leflore Association Okla.

Norman Lemons, Ologa, Tulsa, Rogers Association, Okla.

James Martin, Bowen Mission, Nogales Ave., Tulsa, Okla.

C. E. Whitlow, First, Alamogordo, New Mexico, from Seagraves, Texas

Rufus F. Potts, Youngsville, N. C. from Barnesville, N. C.

Warren E. Kerr, Pearce, Raleigh Association, N. C. from Westhill, Hillsboro, North Carolina

John A. Bracey, Double Springs near Shelby, N. C. from First, Maxton, N. C.

Cloyce L. Davis, Red Rock, Perry Association, Okla.

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NEW SECRETARY

Miss Martha Jane Thornton

Shown above is Miss Martha Jane Thornton of Crystal Springs, who has recently started work as one of the office secretaries in the Brotherhood Department. Miss Thornton is a graduate of Mississippi College and has been church secretary at her home church at Crystal Springs and the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson. She previously worked as office secretary in the Music Department of the Florida Baptist Convention. We feel very fortunate in securing the services of such a charming and well-trained Christian girl.

REPORTS OF LAYMEN'S DAY

Each year reports from all over our state indicate that Laymen's Day is presenting more and more of the challenge of Christ to our Baptist laymen in our local churches. It has proved to be a great source of inspiration and development for all of our men at the beginning of each new year.

At the First Baptist Church,

Booneville, several laymen took part in the morning service and a special Brotherhood program was presented at the evening worship hour which included testimonies by five men — "What the Brotherhood Means to Me," Lex Houston; "Why I Tithe," J. S. Bishop; "Why the Individual Christian Should Pray," Sgt. James White; "What it Means to be a Christian," H. H. Daws; "A Man's Greatest Joy Comes from Serving His Savior," Quitman Loden.

The Concord Church in the Choctaw Association used men and intermediate boys to fill all places of responsibility on Laymen's Day.

At the First Baptist Church in Senatobia, laymen were used throughout the services, and special music was rendered by the men's chorus and men's quartet.

At the Salem Church, Covington Association, there were 52 laymen present for the morning service at which time Mr. Walter Huff, a consecrated layman, brought a message on "What Men Should Do With Their Time." At the evening service there were 36 laymen present and Mr. Floyd McGee, another consecrated layman, brought a very challenging message on the subject, "God's Standard for Laymen." The choir was composed of 25 laymen for both the morning and evening services.

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Carver School of Missions and Social Work at Louisville, Kentucky has announced that summer school will consist of two four-weeks periods. The dates are June 4-29, 1956 and July 2-27. An outstanding faculty has been secured. Information concerning rates and courses may be had from the above address.

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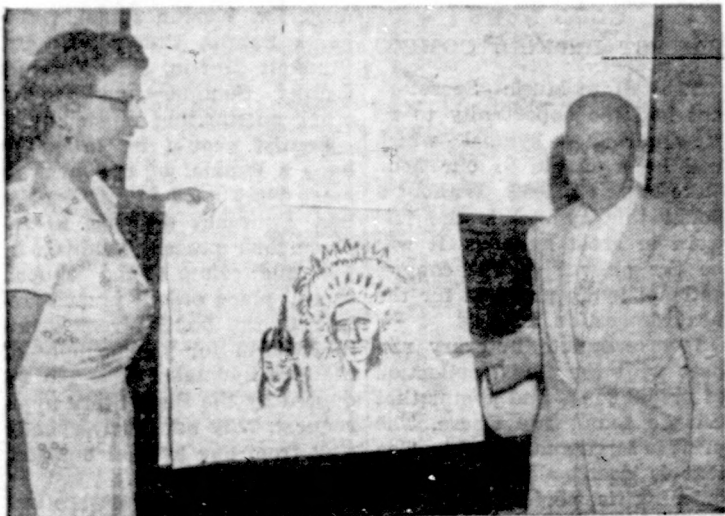
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This sketch of an Indian-American points up the 1956 home mission graded study series theme for Southern Baptists, as Dr. and Mrs. John Caylor stand beside the drawing. Dr. Caylor is editor of the book series for the Home Mission Board.

"The American Indian" — his "trail of tears" from the pages of history, his present spiritual status and need, and what Southern Baptists have done and are doing to help fill these needs will be the subject of the 1956 home mission study series.

Five books, five visual productions (three filmstrips and two motion pictures) and other materials such as recordings, tracts, maps, and post cards, are available to make the study vivid and successful.

Baptist Book Stores will carry many of the teaching aids for the series. These include the filmstrips *Trail of Triumph*, *Indian Baskets*, and *Pray Ye*. *Trail of Triumph* and *Indian Baskets* both feature Indian mission work. The former is especially recommended for use with adult book. *Indian Baskets* presents Indian mission work through the story of the beginning and progress of work in one mission situation — the Papago Indians in Arizona. *Pray Ye* follows the sequence of the March Week of Prayer Program and points out the importance of prayer in missions. The filmstrip presents the total ministries of the Home Mission Board. All these filmstrips are in color and come with a manual for purchase after January 1.

Indian motion pictures are also available at Baptist Book

Stores for rental. *Indian Missionary Diary* is the personal report of one of your missionaries to the Indians on the need, progress, and ways of reaching the Indians. The film was made on a western Indian reservation. It is a 16 mm, sound, color motion picture, and runs 18½ minutes. *Indian Children*, briefly, yet dramatically, depicts the true story of Indian child life — how the Indian child plays, what he eats, etc.

A color Indian picture post card may be purchased at Baptist Book Stores and can be used for invitations for study programs or the March Week of Prayer Programs.

"You are there" on the home mission field through the media of *Home Missions Speaks*, a 12-inch, double-faced recording. This recording is available at the Book Stores and contains music and testimonies by home missionaries. This is especially recommended for the Tuesday program for the March Week of Prayer, but may be used anytime.

The January issue of *Home Missions* is a special Indian edition. This may be obtained at .05 each by writing to the Home Mission Board.

Other materials may be secured free by writing to the Home Mission Board. The free materials include: a picture sheet of 8 x 10" black and white pictures similar to the ones released in 1955 on Alaska and Cuba; a pictorial map of home mission fields and activities (with a four-page study guide); a tract by Loyd Corder, "The American Indian and Southern Baptists."

ness session on Sunday, December 4. Three of the men O. H. Barnett, Cecil Fedrick and Charles Boler, will serve in interest of the Carthage Mission which will be entering its new place of worship, January 8.

Three men were elected to serve for a three year term to replace men retiring from the active deaconship. Those elected are M. N. Poole, Chester Taylor, and Paul Lee.

Rev. Troy Prince is pastor.

Carthage Elects Six New Deacons

The Carthage Church elected six deacons in a special busi-



Offering January 22

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Missionary Appointments Go Beyond 100 for Year

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 10 young people for overseas service at its December meeting, bringing the total appointments for the year to 104. This is the second time in the history of the Board that appointments have gone beyond 100 during the year. The record to date was established in 1950 when 111 missionaries were appointed.

Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen said there is every indication that the number of missionaries available for appointment will increase year by year. "It is realistic to expect that we can plan for a minimum of 125 appointments annually and as many more as God will direct," he said.

"We can say with confidence that Southern Baptists are experiencing a deeper development of missionary conviction than we have ever known before. We receive in the offices of the Foreign Mission Board almost daily letters from well-trained, experienced workers who are volunteering for world mission service. Increasing missionary determination is reflected also in financial support."

Dr. Cauthen said an important phase of the Board's work is to help Southern Baptists understand the facts about finances needed for the foreign mission enterprise.

"It is constantly necessary to keep before Southern Baptists the fact that personal support of missionaries is only a part of our total commitment," he said. "Funds for the operating expenses of 511 schools, 23 seminaries, 48 hospitals, clinics, and dispensaries, nine publishing centers, and other branches of work call for large amounts annually. In addition capital funds for buildings and equipment must be provided."

Dr. Cauthen said it is also necessary that the Board help Southern Baptists to understand the reasons for having any funds in hand. He explained: "One third of the funds in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board consists of amounts left in trust, only the interest of which can be used. One third represents money definitely appropriated and in process of being used. One third represents the emergency reserve which is adequate to cover only six months of current operations. Needs we face are far in excess of our resources. More than \$2,000,000 of urgent requests from the Missions for 1956 have no possibility of being met."

December Appointees Are Examples of God's Leading

The 10 young people appointed missionaries at the December meeting of the Board are representative of the well-trained, experienced Southern Baptist leaders who are volunteering for world mission service. Dr. and Mrs. Howard D. Olive will leave the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala. — where they have been since January, 1950, and where they describe the relationship with the people as still being that of the "honeymoon" — for service in the Philippines. Their only problem during a week of orientation at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond was that they were too happy to sleep.

Mrs. Olive said: "It seems to me that I've had the happiest life of anyone; and I had never known envy until foreign missionaries on their first furlough became members of our church in the summer of 1954."

Dr. and Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite, of Statesville, N. C., will leave a growing private surgical practice and take their three little daughters to Indonesia. Dr. Applewhite said, "In November, 1952, we moved to Statesville, where I began private practice of surgery. Three happy years have been spent here developing a good practice. We have found wonderful friends and have been pleased with the community. We have been happy in our church. We felt that we had found our place in life until there came the deep personal conviction that God's will for us lay in foreign missions."

Their pastor at First Baptist Church, Statesville, Dr. James S. Potter, says the commitment to foreign missions on the part of Dr. and Mrs. Applewhite is meaning as much as or more than the erection of a lovely new building.

Miss Pauline Jackson will leave the Chilton County Hospital, Clanton, Ala., where she is acting director of nurses, to answer an emergency call for nurses in Southern Rhodesia. Miss Fanny Louise Starns, secretary in the registrar's office at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will go to Thailand to do secretarial work at the Baptist Mission headquarters in Bangkok.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Barry Mitchell will go from the pastorate of the Eureka Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., to serve in the north Brazil Mission.

Rev. and Mrs. S. Dan Sprinkle, Jr., of Dallas, Tex., will go to Argentina. Mr. Sprinkle was pastor of the Slaty Creek Baptist Church, Prentiss, Ky., until August, this year. He said it was while "preaching" his Sunday sermon to himself that the call to foreign mission serv-

Dr. Harry L. Martin

Dr. Harry Lelan Martin, 74, for many years a prominent Baptist minister in North Mississippi, died at Senatobia on Dec. 12.

He was born and reared near Stanton, Tenn., but was licensed to preach in early manhood and came to Mississippi about the same time. He had served a number of churches during his lifetime, but his longest pastorate was at the Senatobia church where he was pastor for 20 years. He retired from the active ministry two years ago.

In addition to his church work he was active in civic affairs.

He and Mrs. Martin, the former Beatrice Cockcroft, had recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

In addition to his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. J. T. Kizer, Senatobia, a son, Harry Lee Martin, Washington, D. C., a sister, Mrs. Gilliam F. Jones, Stanton, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Harry L. Martin, III, El Paso, Tex., Carolyn Ann Kizer, Senatobia, and Montez Martin, El Paso, Tex.

Funeral services were held from the First Church Senatobia, on Dec. 14. Dr. Clyde Martin and Rev. E. L. Jernigan officiated. Interment was in the family cemetery at Stanton, Tenn.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSE)

— Folders listing the 1956 programs at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assemblies are now available at the Sunday School Board, according to R. L. Middleton, director of the Business Division.

ice "struck home." The plea for others to admit and do God's will struck home to me; and I knew that his will for me lay in missions."

Mrs. Sprinkle, formerly Lavora Murfin, is a product of the home mission program of Southern Baptists. At the age of 13 she became interested in attending the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans. "I saw Christian love in action," she said. "Tremendous is the influence that mission has had on my family as through the years my Catholic mother and brother and my father, who claimed no faith, have accepted Christ and been baptized through the work of the missionaries there . . .

"At a mission campfire service in the summer of 1941 I acknowledged Christ as my personal Saviour . . . And I have been a mission volunteer as long as I have been a Christian."

Africa

Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said in his report that perhaps in no other part of the world can Christian education play such an important part in sharing the destiny of this and succeeding generations as in Africa.

DEAF-MUTE'S INFLUENCE REACHES MANY LIVES

Every Sunday morning an attractive young college sophomore from Clarke Memorial College boards the bus at Newton and rides to Meridian; shortly after noon she returns. This has been going on for weeks and months, and winsome Sara Ann Lewis of Morton hopes to spend the rest of her life doing what she does in Meridian on Sunday mornings — listening to the teaching of God's Word and interpreting for those who cannot hear or speak for themselves.

Her expenses are paid by the First Baptist Church in Meridian, where she teaches a Sunday School class for the deaf and translates into sign language the pastor's sermons.

Behind Sara Ann Lewis's decision to dedicate her life to this work lies a dramatic story that begins in fairy-tale fashion when there came to the college campus two years ago a lovely young woman whose blue eyes sparkled, whose bright smile was infectious, but whose ears were permanently closed to the sound of the laughter and singing about her. A graduate of Mississippi School for the Deaf in Jackson, Ila Ruth Jennings had come to Clarke College as the first step leading to her cherished ambition — to become a missionary to her people, the deaf.

So powerful was the impact of this radiant girl's personality that little by little the students began learning the symbols and gestures of her communication that they might converse with her. A visitor to the

campus last year might have been astounded at the spectacle of students talking across the campus in the inaudible language of the deaf.

So charming was Ila Ruth Jennings that her classmates voted her the coveted title of Miss C. M. C. during her second year.

So marvelous was God's purpose for her life that her influence on the campus continues to grow even though she is now many miles away at Baylor University, climbing still higher toward the realization of her goal to which she feels God has called her.

It was during her sophomore year at Clark that Sara Ann Lewis became the roommate of Ila Ruth Jennings. In the association that followed, Sara began to understand more clearly than ever the personality of those who live in the silent world of the deaf. She became more deft in the use of gesticulative communication. This fall she followed in the footsteps of a former Clarke student and began teaching the weekly Sunday School class for the deaf in Meridian.

Although she was recently voted Miss C. M. C., Best Around Girl, and a Sophomore Favorite in the annual Who's Who Contest, and though she is an active member and officer of the YWA, BSU Council, Aurelian Literary Society, and is business manager of the college annual, none of these honors compare with the joy Sara Lewis experienced in her recent decision to dedicate her life to the ministry of the deaf.

But "God moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform," and Sara Ann Lewis's life is only one of the ever-widening circles of influence that has emanated from the life of Ila Ruth Jennings. There is Sally Wilson, for example, who was Ila Ruth's closest friend at Clarke and who preceded Sara in the teaching of the class in Meridian. She's at Mississippi College now, preparing for a lifetime of service in this field. And then there's Sara Lewis's brother, Aaron, also a student at MC, who is Miss Wilson's fiance. Together they work with the students at Mississippi School for the Deaf. And, too, the handsome young man whose name was romantically linked with that of Ila Ruth on the Clarke College campus is now preaching in a church for the deaf at Houston, Texas.

The latest news is that Sally Wilson's sister, Louise, who is also attending Baylor, has taken Ila Ruth under her wing at Waco and is tremendously impressed with the courage and faith of this vivacious young deaf-mute.

So it is that Ila Ruth Jen-

County Line Elects Music Director



Donald Cassell

Donald Cassell, Waynesboro, a sophomore at Mississippi College, was recently elected as Music Director of the County Line Church, Crystal Springs.

Rev. E. N. Sullivan is the pastor.

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Old-Line Publisher Accused Of Promoting Filth

NEW YORK (RNS) — Leading American publishing houses were charged with being "pre-occupied with sex" and "foisting filth" upon the public by Dr. Clarence W. Hall, executive editor of the Christian Herald.

He made the charges in an article in the December issue of the Protestant non-denominational monthly.

Dr. Hall criticized old-line publishers for releasing books and using promotional devices that imply "the American people are fundamentally dirty-minded, visit a bookshop with a leer in their eyes, and don't care a whoop for literary quality, good plot construction, deft characterizations, mood, or emotion but just want obscenity."

"Flagrant violations are coming from hitherto well-established and reputable publishing houses," he said, "including some whose names in the past have stood for integrity and literary quality."

Singled out for specific mention in the article were G. P. Putnam's Sons, "one of the oldest and best" of the old-line publishing firms; Simon & Schuster; and E. P. Dutton & Co.

Dr. Hall's criticism of Putnam's was directed at its publication of Norman Mailer's novel "The Deer Park" which he called

"a pebble dropped into a stream, left ever-increasing circles of influence that will continue to grow until they reach the boundless shores of eternity."

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

GOOD NEWS

BAPTIST HYMNAL COMING

The State Music Secretary has had the opportunity to review our new hymnal which will be available in our book store March 1, 1956. Without a doubt this hymnal is the last word in great hymnals. It will be the answer to our congregational hymn program for the next generation.

It is complete in every respect with the finest collection of gospel songs and hymns that can be found any where. The print is large and readable. The text is doctrinally sound. The indexing is perfect. You will find all of your favorites among the hymns and songs. The price is very reasonable.

This hymnal was prepared by a 37 member committee representing every phase of our Southern Baptist life. It is highly recommended by such eminent musicians as, Dr. J. Campbell Wray, Southwestern Semi-

nary, Dr. Warren Angel, Oklahoma Baptist University, Dr. Plunkett Martin, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and many other outstanding musicians.

Baptist should be proud to have a hymnal of our own to meet every need in our Baptist life. Churches desiring to replace their present hymnals in the auditorium of the church should place orders immediately with the Baptist Book Store in Jackson for your supply of the new hymnal. Prices will be quoted by the Book Store upon request. Why not let everybody sing from our hymnal entitled, BAPTIST HYMNAL.

CHOIR ROBE FOUND

During the State Music Festival held in Jackson on November 25, a choir robe with the name Miss Marjorie Smith was discovered in the equipment of the Charleston Youth Choir. If Miss Smith will notify the Music Office in Jackson, Box 530, we will secure your choir robe and return it to you.

ed "one of the dirtiest, and the dullest, books to be published in this or any other year."

Simon & Schuster was criticized not for publishing any specific dirty book but for "sex-centered" promotion of Sloan Wilson's "Man in the Gray Flannel Suit."

Dutton was censured for its publication and promotion of Al Morgan's "The Great Man."

"Decent people are losing confidence in the book publishing industry," the editor said.

"You know you enjoy more freedom than any other mass medium for reaching the public . . . (and) should have observed by now that freedoms abused are freedoms taken away. Liberty that turns into license and thence into licentiousness has a way of disappearing before the wrath of an aroused public conscience."

"If you wake up some morning and find your business shot, your customers gone, you will scream that you've been murdered. You'll be wrong, gentlemen, dead wrong. The crime will not be murder but suicide — suicide in your own cesspool."

—BR—

ALEXANDRIA, La. — (BP)

Robert L. Lee, assistant executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, has been named interim executive secretary of the convention. He will fill the post vacated by Floyd B. Chaffin, who becomes an associate secretary with the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas, Tex. The executive board, meeting here, selected Lee for the interim appointment. As assistant to Chaffin, Lee has been carrying out missions and promotional work. Dr. Lee is a graduate of Mississippi College and

Retiring Ministers Should File SS

Claims Immediately

Ministers who retire in 1956 should file their claims for social security as soon as possible after they retire. Otherwise, social security officials report, the ministry may not receive maximum benefits.

Filing dates during 1956 are Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1. Ministers who retire after Sept. 30, 1956, should file on Jan. 1, 1957, to insure themselves maximum social security benefits.

Benefits are figured on the minister's earnings over a 12-month period. If the minister does not delay, but files for his benefits on the filing date immediately after he retires, the benefits will be figured on the year ending with the date of his retirement.

Suppose, however, the minister delays filing a claim and lets one or more filing dates slip by before he claims benefits. In that case, social security officials say, they would have to figure in several months after the retirement date, in which the minister probably earned little or no money. This will reduce his 12-month earning average and thus also reduce the benefits which he can claim as social security.

served as pastor of several Mississippi churches. Some of them were Edwards and White Sand.

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Offering January 22

Southern Baptists Conduct Evangelistic Conference With Canadian Baptists

Dr. C. E. WILBANKS
Associate Secretary
Department of Evangelism

On November 15 and 16, in Westbourne Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, the Regular Baptist Missionary Fellowship of Prairie Provinces conducted their first evangelistic Conference. Seven men from the Southern Baptist Convention guided and participated as speakers by invitation of the Canadian brethren. The Prairie

Provinces are Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. There are nine churches in the group calling for the conference. They would comprise an association or convention here in the states.

Attendance was hindered by the earliest, coldest blizzard in fifty years. Temperature plummeted to 25 degrees below zero, the opening night, and rose to 2 degrees above at noon the day after the conference. Neverthe-



Shown above is a scene at the Evangelist Conference led by Home Mission Board personnel and held in Westbourne Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

less, ninety-one members registered from six churches.

These Canadian Baptists in quest of a program of teaching, training and evangelism, have sought help in fellowship with Oregon - Washington Southern Baptists. They use Southern Baptist literature, study course and hymn books in part or in

toto in their churches.

They called this conference to learn of the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism.

From the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board were associate secretaries E. Powell Lee and C. E. Wilbanks.

Brotherhood Educational Program Warmly Welcomed

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — (BP) — Presidents of Southern Baptist schools and colleges have warmly welcomed the Baptist Brotherhood Commission's plan to stress Christian education.

They say it is one of the most significant developments in Christian higher education among Southern Baptists. The Brotherhood plan was discussed at the educators' recent meeting here.

The Brotherhood's plan is this: It will present a program to acquaint Southern Baptist laymen with the work of Southern Baptist schools and colleges and their needs.

The program will begin in 1956 and last for several years.

Local churches will receive material from the Brotherhood Commission to aid local Brotherhood organizations in their study of Southern Baptist educational work.

Brotherhood-produced tracts on Christian colleges will point out the responsibility of Baptist laymen toward denominational schools.

"Return in Autumn," a film first produced by the education commission of the Texas state Baptist convention, will be available at Baptist Book Stores throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in March.

The story of an alumni couple returning to the Baptist College from which they had graduated and their memories of college days, the film may be used by Brotherhood groups in their educational programs.



Offering January 22

Counselor's Corner Man Of Distinction

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

Shelved Church Members

Question: At what age or under what conditions should the workers in our churches be "shelved" or denied the privilege of active service that they have prepared themselves for? The young people seem to be taking over the church, while the gray heads who have had the study courses, the clinics, etc. are set aside as too old.

Answer: Your question points up a serious problem. We will soon have from fifteen to twenty million people in America above sixty-five. The older people in our churches can be one of their greatest strengths. And many of them deserve more attention and respect and leadership than they get.

They, the older ones, need to be very patient with us younger ones while together we are learning how to keep on using them. Twenty-five years ago we preachers were taught in the seminaries how to provide a church program for young people. The seminaries are just waking up to this new problem of "later maturity."

In the meantime, let the younger people lead. You led when you were young. Remember that holding offices does not constitute all of Christian work. Don't fade away, fire up. Do the visiting, the giving, the talking for good, the praying. Let the young voices sing in the choir. Let the middle age men teach the junior boys and serve as deacons.

If you do this, you will stay off the shelf and the church will go forward.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

—BR—

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES FOR 1956 (W. A. Wilde Co., 131 Clarendon Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts, \$2.75), by Wilbur M. Smith, is the 82nd volume of a commentary on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching. The lessons contain quoted illustrations from the foremost Biblical scholars, lesson plans, suggested books for reference, audio-visual material, comments, explanations of the scripture text, and illustrations and questions for discussion. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

—BR—

THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

In an effort to be helpful to the liquor industry in presenting a true picture of the fact that liquor does make "Men of Distinction" we give below an account of what happened in Chicago where they have legal liquor. Having legal liquor, there should certainly be no violations of the law, for the liquor crowd claims that prohibition promotes lawbreaking and that legalization will do away with such. The following is taken from the Christian Century. At least in this case, it made one young lady a "girl of extinction" as well as the accompanying crime mentioned.

"Chicago, like other cities, has anti-aircraft and guided missile army posts scattered about the city and its suburbs. At one of them, located in a municipal park, there was a dance on the night of August 7. A 17-year-old girl was taken to the dance by a boy in the unit. When he passed out after too many beers, vomited and had to be put to bed, the girl started home alone. Her body was found the next morning; she had been raped and then murdered. Within a few hours, an 18-year-old private from Detroit confessed that he had trailed her from the party and committed the crime. He had done so, he said, after drinking "10 to 15 cans" of beer. The private has been indicted for murder. Illinois law forbids the sale of intoxicants to minors and a Chicago ordinance forbids such sales to anyone in the municipal parks.

Note: The whiskey crowd cries for legalized liquor claiming that it will do away with law-breaking.)

But when the president of Chicago's park board asked the army to stop the sale of beer on its posts in the city's parks, Lt. Gen. Hobart R. Gay, commanding the 5th army headquarters not far from where the murder took place, replied that he would have to think it over. The general complained that the papers had "blown up" the murder out of all proportion, that he had no proof that the private was really drunk when he killed the girl, and that if he was drunk it was not certain he became so at the party. Besides, the beer involved was 3.2 beer; the army has declared 3.2 beer nonintoxicating and approved its sale at army posts; therefore the general wasn't sure that there was anything he could do about the park board's request to stop the sale and drinking of such beer at the post. The general didn't quite get around to arguing that the soldier who did the killing and the other soldier who passed out couldn't get drunk on 3.2 beer, or that the girl couldn't be killed by a soldier who had drunk that much 3.2 beer, although that would seem to be the logic of the Pentagon regulations which the general said

Kreole Pastor To California Pastorate

Rev. Melvin T. Wilson has resigned the pastorate of the Kreole Church to accept the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church of Woodland, California.

Mr. Wilson has served in Mississippi for the past nine years. He has been moderator of the Mississippi Association, Clerk of the Jackson County Association for three and a half years, and Convention Board member for one year.

Mr. Wilson's new address will be Box 633, Woodland, California.

—BR—

Harry McCall Named Director For Camp Ridgecrest For Boys

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB) —Harry McCall, Jr., Miami, Fla., has been selected as director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Ridgecrest, N. C. He succeeds George Pickering, who resigned Dec. 1, 1955, in order to build his own camp.

McCall is physical education instructor in the Citrus Grove High School, Miami. A graduate of the University of Miami, where he majored in physical education, he has had twelve years' camping experience with Boy Scouts and other groups.

made his authority to take action doubtful. Now, some papers report, the army is concerned lest this tragedy be picked up by "temperance fanatics" and used as an argument against UMT. How could the army possibly think that it might be?

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Children's Page

A Night In Bethlehem

By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

David and John were hurrying toward Bethlehem. They had seen the glorious star. Now they wanted to see the Christ-child.

Each boy had a bundle of food, a jar of water, and a sack of straw. But by the time they arrived in Bethlehem, David no longer had his things. He had given his food to a little girl who had traveled far. He had given the water to a thirsty dog. And he had given his straw to a hungry donkey.

At Bethlehem the boys parted.

The next morning the two boys met at the edge of the town.

"Did you see the Christ-child?" David asked.

"No. I went to the inn this morning, but the family was gone. Did you see him?"

"Some, but not plainly," David answered.

"I was sorry that I didn't give you my lunch, jug of water, and sack of straw," John said. "I didn't need them. I had a good supper, nice water, and a good bed."

"I didn't need them either," David said. "I earned my supper at the inn and there was cool water at the spring. The inn-keeper's daughter gave me a coat to sleep on. I went outside and slept on the coat. If I hadn't been outside I wouldn't have seen Jesus."

"What do you mean?" John asked.

"I slept near the inn," David explained. "In the night I awoke. A man was leading a



Illustrated by Janet Smalley

mule out of the inn. And a woman in a cloak, carrying a baby, came out and got on the mule. They went away very quietly."

"You think that it was Joseph and Mary and Jesus?"

"Yes, it was."

"Why didn't you ask to look at the baby?" John inquired.

"Because the family seemed to be fleeing. I didn't want to cause them trouble."

"So you weren't close to Jesus," John said.

"No, David answered. "But as he passed I felt peaceful and loving and happy."

"I wish I'd been with you." John suddenly declared. "I would have been if I'd shared things. And if I hadn't thought more about finding my cousin than I did about finding Jesus. Then I would have seen the Babe going by, too."

"You'll find him someday," David said.

Yes, when both boys were grown they'd see and hear Jesus. And the star of Christianity would shine in their hearts.

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Rev. Winfred W. Moore, pastor, Borger, Tex., First Baptist Church, is new president of the Baptist Training Union Convention in Texas. He succeeds W. Landon Miller, pastor of Sherman First Baptist Church. (Editor's Note: What would Texas do without Mississippians. Moore was formerly pastor at Tupelo (Harrisburg) and Miller at Brookhaven).

—BR—

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Jones County Association, which met in fortieth annual session, at Ellisville Church, on October 17 and 18. The next session is to be held with Sandersville Church on October 15 and 16, 1956. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.



Offering January 22

NBC To Telecast Religious Drama

A new series of religious dramas will be telecast over the National Broadcasting Company network, beginning with the Christmas Day telecast of the story of The Nativity, "No Room at the Inn." This telecast will be at 3:00 p. m. (CST), Sunday, December 25. Though sponsored, these programs will contain no commercial or institutional messages, so nothing will disturb the sincere and reverent tone of the production.

This telecast will be followed by three others, one each month, with "The Prodigal Son" telecast over NBC television network on Sunday, January 29, at 1:30 p. m. (CST). A third "Where Your Treasure Is," will be seen on Sunday, February 26, again at 1:30 p. m. (CST), and the fourth, "The Fruitless Fig Tree," on Sunday, March 25, at 1:30 in the afternoon.

—BR—

Foundations' Role Called Important

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Baptist foundations play an important part in the life of Southern Baptist Convention boards, agencies, and schools, according to denominational leaders meeting here.

State Baptist Foundation boards and heads met recently with the board of the Southern Baptist Foundation and T. L. Holcomb, its executive secretary.

Officers of other Southern Baptist organizations also took part in the two-day session and centered their discussion on the topic "The Ministry of Baptist Foundations." Over 100 persons attended.

"Support for Baptist colleges through the foundations insures greater stability and more denominational control," H. Leo Eddleman, president, Georgetown (Ky.) College declared.

Herschel C. Pettus, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, told the group that "17 state Baptist foundations and the Southern Baptist Foundation are responsible for administering more than \$32 million dedicated to the endowment and capital expansion of 134 state and 14 Convention-wide institutions and agencies." Pettus also is president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives.

"Don't seek funds from only those with larger incomes because the man with the smaller income has just as great a responsibility to God for his money," advised Carr P. Collins, Dallas, Tex., insurance executive, and a member of the Baptist foundation in Texas.

The Association of Baptist Foundation Executives announced a workshop meeting in Louisville, Ky., Feb. 14-16, with the theme, "How We Serve".

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

The Promotion Plan

The promotion plan of the Baptist Record is the sending of the Record to the resident families of a church for two months on trial so that they will know what the Baptist Record is.

As proof of the fact that it works, we quote below from a pastor's letter:

"It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. I want to express our thanks to you for sending us the Record on trial, for I feel that it sold itself to our people. I know that it will pay far greater dividends than the cost of the subscription price. Sincerely yours,"

Other pastors should try this plan.

—BR—

Center Ridge Is Back

A few weeks ago, due to local conditions, Center Ridge Church in Yazoo County discontinued the EVERY FAMILY Plan. However, as usual in most cases, Center Ridge is back. A recent letter brought a nice list of names with instructions to start the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Yazoo County are now listed as follows: BENTONIA, 69; BETHLEHEM, 35; BLACK JACK, 61; CENTER RIDGE, 22; CONCORD, 54; Eden, 18; HEBRON, 43; HOLLY BLUFF, 59; Liverpool, 11; MELROSE, 38; Oak Grove, 17; OGDEN, 30; OIL CITY, 35; Providence, 11; Rocky Springs, 19; SATARTIA, 44; SHORT CREEK, 36; Tinsley, 1; YAZOO CITY, FIRST, 421; YAZOO CITY, CALVARY, 127.

—BR—

Patterson Prevails

Rev. R. B. Patterson, area missionary for Itawamba and Tishomingo Counties, has done it again. While acting as interim pastor of the New Prospect Church in Tishomingo County he has led the church to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

And that's not all. The church is completing a pastorage. This is the first and only church in the county — in the country — that has a pastor's home.

The church is also a Four-Star Church. And they have Family Night once per month. The church is full-time.

According to the minutes there are now six full-time churches in the association. Three years ago there were three.

Record readers in Tishomingo County are now listed as follows:

Belmont, 3; BETHLEHEM, 22; BURNSVILLE, 29; Cross Roads, 1; EAST PORT, 21; Golden Central, 3; IUKA, 118; Mt. Moriah, 17; Mt. Vernon, 18; New Lib-

E. F. Hicks To Magee



Rev. Eldie F. Hicks

Rev. Eldie F. Hicks, pastor of the First Church, Waynesboro for the past twelve years, has resigned that post to become pastor of the Magee Church, effective Jan. 1.

The church at Waynesboro has made considerable progress during the past several years. The present commodious church building has been constructed. The sanctuary and part of the educational building is air-conditioned.

A music and educational director has been added during the past few years. Rev. Ben Scarbrough is the present director.

The Rev. Mr. Hicks has also been active in denominational work, being at present Convention Board member from Wayne County.

He will succeed Rev. J. B. Smith at Magee who resigned to become secretary of the Alumni Association of Mississippi College.

erty, 13; New Prospect, 18; New Salem, 15; N. Cross Roads, 9; Paden, 25; SOUTH CROSS ROADS, 50; Tishomingo, 2; OLDHAM, 24; Ebenezer, 2; Old Union, 15.

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Sunday School Lesson

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SONGS OF THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH I. THE ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1:30-33, 35, 36. These are the lofty words in which the angel Gabriel brought to Mary, the pure sweet village maiden, announcement that she was to enjoy the lofty honor, highest ever accorded woman, of being the mother of the Lord. Forget your fear of Catholic "Mary-olity" now, and ascribe honor to this young woman. The fact that we do not worship her should not lead us to withhold the honor that is her due. "Fear not, Mary, for thou art graced in the sight of God."

I dare to change the translated word to show what it does express, that Mary was a young woman of excellent character, gracious and pure and sweet.

"Thou shalt conceive in the womb and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name Jesus", that is, "Thou shalt call His name Jehovah-Salvation. "He shall be called great", greatest of all the great, "Son of the Most High."

Perhaps this title, "Son of the Most High" is one of the titles by which our Lord is known in the land of fadeless day. "The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David", and by the words, "the throne of His father David", Gabriel declared Mary a descendant of David the king.

The angel does not tell Mary that the throne to which Jesus is assigned has all the earthly and carnal political elements purged out of it and is, thus purified, a spiritual throne, but, of course, that is what he does mean, since the Lord Himself declared, "My kingdom is not of this world" and "The Kingdom of God is within you."

The angel tells Mary how this great thing is to come to pass, by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. Mary believed the angel, because she believed God. Do you?

II. THE MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55. This is the song of raptured Mary. George Campbell Morgan and others have divided the song into four strophes or sections:

1. She sings with reference to

herself. This portion includes vv. 46-48, and is a lofty prayer of adoration in which Mary asks for nothing, but pours out her ardent heart in thanksgiving and joy.

2. Vv. 49, 50, celebrates the mercy of God, the holiness of God, the power of God.

3. Vv. 51-53 Mary speaks here of the future as though it were already accomplished. The power of God to set up and pull down, to exalt and to debase.

4. Mary closes with a climactic shout of praise for the never-failing faithfulness of God.

III. THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, OR THE ANGEL TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:10-14. He said to the affrighted shepherds, "Be not afraid". How often does this word appear in God's holy word to us! The angel said it to agitated Mary, "Fear not, Mary".

This distinguishes our religion from all other religions on the earth. All pagan gods are fearful gods, and all fearful religions are pagan religions. But our God is a Father to His children, a loving Father, a Father who does not flame out upon His own, but leads them by the chords of love. Of course, there is a sense in which God's children fear Him, as any one of us would regret to fall short of the desires of a good father, one who is unstintedly laying himself out to assist us in making our lives, or salvation complete, but there is in such a love no element of slavish fear. So the angel first of all, gave the shepherds assurance.

2. A Born Savior. "There is born unto you." One unto yourselves, a human brother, capable of sympathizing with you in your sufferings, and this born one is Savior, a Savior sent to save lost souls and bring them out of night and blight to the light of everlasting day.

3. The Scope of This Salvation, the Sweep of Its Blessed Influence. "Glory to God in the highest". The effect of the coming of our Lord to earth as a human being sweeps up as high as the throne of God in heaven. Glory to God in the highest heights, in the loftiest principalities, in the most exalted realms. The coming of the Lord Jesus enhances the radiant glory of God.

"On earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased" or, "Peace among men of good

will." The translation in our King James version is unfortunate. "On earth, peace, good will to men". But that, in the first place, is not what the angel said, and, in the second place, it is not true. Our Lord's coming did not bring peace to men in general. His coming did not bring peace to Herod, did not bring peace to Pontius Pilate, did not bring peace to Judas. But His coming did bring peace to "Men of good will", of good will to receive Him as Savior, who are, of course, "Men in whom He" (that is God) "is well pleased", men of His good pleasure.

IV. NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32. This is the song of ancient Simeon. He was a devout man who looked for the "consolation", for a visitation from the Lord, for a revival of religion occasioned by the coming of the Messiah. So deep and sincerely and prayerfully earnest had his desire become that God had somehow made him a promise that he should remain among the living till he had seen the Christ.

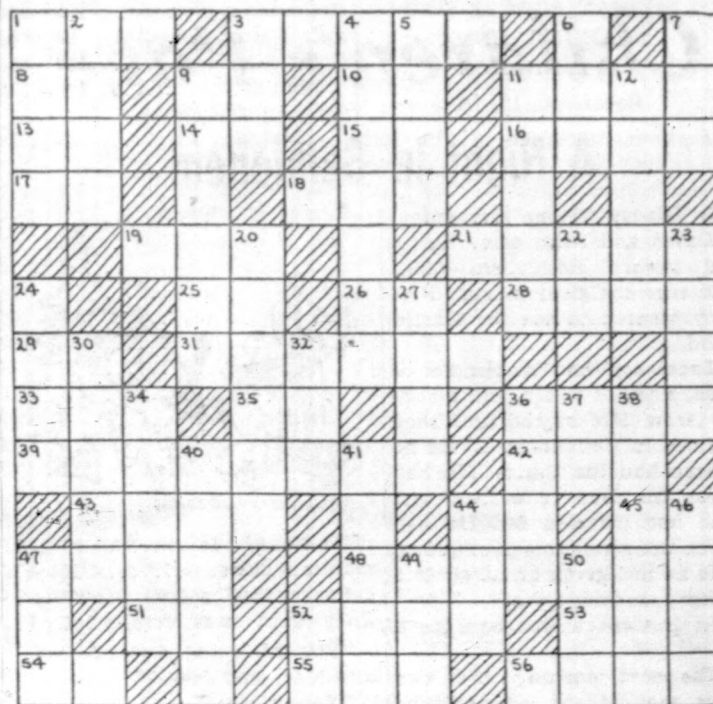
Old Simeon had become a seer, a prophet, to whom God had given the power of supernatural vision, and here Simeon speaks his vision. He comes into the temple at the time Mary and Joseph bring in the child Jesus to dedicate Him to the Lord, to present Him to the Lord, when the baby Jesus was forty days old.

And here in the temple Simeon met them and took the child Jesus in his arms, and said, "Now, Master, thou art sending thy servant away in peace, according to thy word." The old man was not simply recognizing a summons out of the world of living men, I think, but primarily he was claiming a promise from the Lord. "I have seen what I wanted to see, and now Lord, please send me home to be with Thee, out of this welter of toil and turmoil and sin and trouble and vice and hatred."

"Mine eyes have seen thy Salvation". What, according to Simeon, is salvation? In what does salvation consist? In the intellectual acceptance of this or that creed or confession? Is it in subscription to the Baptist New Hampshire Confession of Faith, The Westminster Catechism of Presbyterianism, the thirty-nine articles of Episcopalianism, or any other creed? No! Salvation is through a Person. Salvation is not in believing this or that, but the receiving, believing, yielding trust in Him.

"Thy Salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people." Our Lord's coming was to be of primal eternal consequence to all people of every tribe and tongue and nation.

"The glory of thy people Israel". Here now was the supreme end for which Abraham had been chosen, that in him



Mark 4

Our text is 1, 3, 31, 55 and 56 combined.

ACROSS

- 1 "multitude was by . . . sea" :1
- 3 "there went out a . . . to sow" :3
- 8 "And . . . taught them many things by parables" :2
- 9 Territorial Army (abbr.)
- 10 Average (abbr.)
- 11 "the . . . of the air came and devoured it" :4
- 13 North Central State (abbr.)
- 14 Height (abbr.)
- 15 "Know . . . not this parable" :13
- 16 "And have no . . . in themselves" :17
- 17 Senior (abbr.)
- 18 United States Navy (abbr.)
- 19 Part of a circle
- 21 "and did . . . fruit" :8
- 25 New England State (abbr.)
- 26 Dysprosium (abbr.)
- 28 Commotion (colloq.)
- 29 New Brunswick (abbr.)
- 31 Planteth
- 33 Order of the Eastern Star (abbr.)
- 35 Kathode (abbr.)
- 36 "taketh away the word that was . . . in their hearts" :15
- 39 "had no root, it . . . away" :6
- 42 Money of account
- 43 "other fell on . . . ground" :8
- 44 Isle of Man (abbr.)
- 45 "way side, where the word . . . sown" :15
- 47 "A sower . . . out to sow his seed" Luke 8:5
- 48 "such as hear the word, and . . . it" :20
- 51 "how then will . . . know all parables" :13
- 52 Battery (abbr.)
- 53 Sheltered place
- 54 "and . . . endure but for a time" :17
- 55 "asked of him . . . parable" :10
- 56 "when they have heard the . . . , immediately" :16

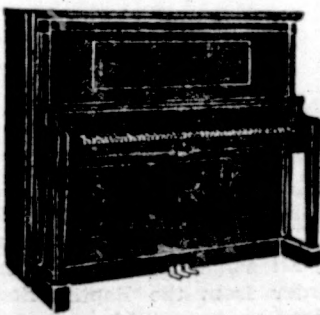
DOWN

- 1 "and pleasures of . . . life" Luke 8:14

- 2 "He that hath ears to . . . let him . . ." :9
- 3 "entered into a ship, and . . . in the sea" :1
- 4 "some fell by the . . . " :4
- 5 "shall be taken . . . that which he hath" :25
- 6 Also
- 7 Attitude (abbr.)
- 9 "some fell among . . ." :7
- 11 "and bring forth . . ." :20
- 12 "And the cares of this . . ." :19
- 20 "thorns grew up, and . . . it" :7
- 22 Ex officio (abbr.)
- 23 "and it was trodden . . ." Luke 8:5
- 24 "Unto you it is given to . . . the mystery" :11
- 27 African village
- 30 Tan
- 32 Battle
- 34 "some fell on . . . ground" :5
- 36 " . . . thirtyfold, . . . sixty, and . . . an hundred" :20
- 37 Word marking an alternative
- 38 Omission from further consideration
- 40 Inn
- 41 "where it had not much . . ." :5
- 44 Frosty
- 46 "The . . . is the word of God" Luke 8:11
- 47 "when the sun . . . up, it . . . scorched" :6
- 49 Before
- 50 International Labor Organization (abbr.)
- 52 Baronet (abbr.)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. —

(BP) — The executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be asked to study the need for Baptist-operated homes for the aged in the state. The proposal for such homes will come from the board of managers of Baptist Children's Home, Inc. They adopted the proposal in a meeting here recently. The eventual goal of the state convention, the board of managers said, should be three homes for the aged — one in each of the three principal geographical divisions of Tennessee.



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Jackson, Southside ..	219	202	Bethlehem (Jones) ..	185	126
Edwards ..	66	46	Fair River (Lincoln) ..	90	63
Richland (Rankin) ..	138	88	Columbia, First	487	295
Jackson, Midway	177	64	Main	440	237
Jackson, Hillcrest ..	193	165	South Columbia		
Jackson, West	191	151	Mission	47	58
Jackson, Calvary ..	1079	438	Gulfport, Grace		
Main	1052	405	Memorial	259	167
Mission	27	33	Laurel, Highland	224	124
Jackson, Van Winkle ..	424	349	Bay St. Louis, First ..	164	61
Jackson,			Long Beach, First	262	76
Daniel Memorial ..	526	368	Corinth, East	170	81
Jackson, Crestwood ..	450	348	Morton	298	295
Star (Rankin)	117	95	Main	223	120
Jackson, North Side ..	651	204	Mission	75	175
Jackson, Highland	73	81	Leland, Second	86	51
Jackson, Broadmoor ..	404	212	Aberdeen, First	338	104
Jackson, Parkway	806	568	Longview (Oktibbeha) ..	80	63
Jackson, Ridgecrest ..	243	145	West Point, Calvary ..	231	175
Springfield (Scott) ..	99	82	Ripley, First	297	105
Briar Hill (Rankin) ..	74	54	Calhoun City, First	370	164
Laurel, Wildwood	212	36	Vicksburg, First	490	190
Union, First	280	96	Durant, First	284	133
Beulah (Holmes)	58	66	Concord (Choctaw) ..	87	80
McComb, Friendship ..	172	103	Grenada, Emmanuel ..	261	135
Main	136	78	Clarksdale	430	161
Mission	36	25	Clarksdale, Oakhurst ..	517	169
Olive Branch	146	61	New Prospect		
Wayside (Yalobusha) ..	50	68	(Desoto)	81	89
Hattiesburg,			Starkville, First	580	248
Main Street	795	400	Brookhaven, First	765	284
Ruth	30	33	Main	647	194
Yazoo City, First	515	200	Southway	81	64
Cross Roads			Halbert Heights	37	26
(Rankin)	57	68	Brookhaven,		
Biloxi, East Howard ..	181	97	Hamilton St.	127	77
Brookhaven, Central ..	104	66	Hattiesburg, 38th Ave. ..	165	121
Houston, First	299	196	Providence (Lebanon) ..	170	91
Gulfport, New Hope ..	182	56	Batesville, First	437	243
Kosciusko, First	699	213	Hernando	165	82
Main	665		December 11, 1955		
Maple Mission	34		Corinth, Tate Street ..	269	95
New Sight (Lincoln) ..	94	75	Purvis, First	244	109
Bluff Springs (Pike) ..	75	72	Baldwyn	267	95
Stonewall	175	105	Meridian:		
Gulfport, First	886	284	First	756	191
Soso, First	159	121	Oak Grove	111	64
Union, Sr.			Fifteenth Ave.	535	221
(Covington)	76	107	Grandview Chapel ..	30	26
Petal-Harvey	329	228	Eastview	164	114
Main	290	219	Highland	495	204
Harvey Mission	30		Eighth Ave.	214	75
Richton Road	9	9	Key Field	121	76
Flowood	74	82	Poplar Springs	436	194
Macedonia, Lincoln ..	226	106	State Boulevard	280	83
Meridian:			South Side	420	214
Oakland Heights	212	118	Lucedale	431	183
Forty-First	259	102	—BR—		
Key Field	94	79	Since 1949 Frank Halbeck has		
Emmanuel	73	42	led in Jewish work, developing		
Eighth Ave.	148	76	a program of Jewish evangelism		
First	569	206	which has become a strong		
Highland	384	171	phase of our Home Missions. His		
South Side	349	172	new book OUR-JEWISH		
Fifteenth Avenue	381	184	NEIGHBORS has been used pre-		
Poplar Springs	365	193	viously in mimeographed form		
Oak Grove	98	54	for classes, assemblies, sermons		
Eastview	163	89	and personal work. The great		
Grandview Chapel	25	28	demand for more copies caused		
State Boulevard	172	96	the Home Mission Board to		
Cleveland, Immanuel ..	192	114	print the book. Order from the		
East Side (Rankin) ..	92	65	Baptist Book Store. Price: 75		
Baldwyn	228	72	cents.		
Ora (Covington)	73	57	—BR—		
New Albany, First	666	211	MINISTERING TO THE		
Main	602	172	SICK (\$2) by Wm. O. Lauter-		
North Side			bach presents devotions and		
Mission	64	39	prayers for 35 different situa-		
Pascagoula, First	854	306	tions. Each of the devotions are		
Main	731	238	supplemented by extra texts		
Orange Grove			suggested for reference. Specif-		
Chapel	77	47	ic situations are provided for,		
McArthur Chapel	46	21	such as for the shut-in, for the		
Pleasant Ridge			suicidal, for those injured in ac-		
(Holmes)	91	75	cidents, for the incurables, etc.		

Ordained To Ministry



Rev. Van Dyke Quick

Van Dyke Quick of Hazlehurst, was ordained to the full Gospel ministry by the Hazlehurst Church Sunday, November 27.

The ordaining council which met November 25 was composed of Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, Hazlehurst pastor, moderator, Rev. Joe Abrams, of Jackson, clerk, Rev. J. W. Brister, Rev. Benton E. Evans, Rev. Malcolm R. Massey, Rev. Lynn E. May, Rev. James D. McLemore and Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor.

At the ordination service, Mr. Holcomb delivered the message, Mr. Massey the charge and the Rev. E. Ray Izard presented the Bible. Judge J. F. Gynes led the Ordination prayer. John T. Armstrong presented the certificate.

Rev. Mr. Quick is a graduate of Mississippi College and is at present a student at the New Orleans Seminary.

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1956 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 1956

March 19-23	"Magnify Church Membership" Week New books available for a graded Training Union study course.
April 1-8	Youth Week
April 7	Baptist Youth Night
June 4-22	District Training Union Conventions
June 4	Senatobia, First
June 5	New Albany, First
June 7	Iuka, First
June 8	West Point, First
June 11	Meadville, First
June 12	Columbia, First
June 14	Lucedale, First
June 15	Enterprise Baptist Church
June 18	Belzoni, First
June 19	Greenwood, First
June 21	Macon, First
June 22	Brandon, First
	Note: Select the meeting closest to you and plan to attend. Listings of associations by districts which will appear later will be suggestive and not mandatory.
July 2-7	Training Union Assembly, Kittiwake
July 9-14	Training Union Assembly, Kittiwake
July 19-25	Southwide Leadership Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C.
July 26-Aug 1	Southwide Leadership Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C.
August 6-10	State finals, Junior Memory Work Drill
August 6	Indianola, First
August 7	Pontotoc, First
August 9	Columbia, First
August 10	Newton, First
October 23-26	Training Union Leadership Workshops
October 23	Hattiesburg, First
October 25	North Greenwood
October 26	Calvary, Tupelo
November 6-9	Associational Officers' Planning Meetings
November 6	Oxford, First
November 8	Canton, First
November 9	Main Street, Hattiesburg
December 3	"M" Night

Lorenz Publishing Company, 501 E. Third St., Dayton 1, Ohio has recently published the following: BACH MADE FAC-TICAL FOR CHURCH ORGAN-ISTS edited and arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz; (\$1.25); CHILD'S BOOK OF CHRIST-MAS CAROLS for piano duet, compiled and arranged by Rob Roy Peery (\$1); THIRTY EASY OFFERTORIES compiled by Rob Roy Peery (\$1.25); HYMN TRANSCRIPTIONS by Ellen Jane Lorenz (\$1.25); HOLY WEEK VOLUNTARIES (\$1); A SIGHT-SINGING MANUAL for amateur choir singers by S. Norman Park and Ellen Jane Lorenz (75 cents); INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER SONGS edited by Ellen Jane Lorenz (35 cents); CAROLS OF CHRIST-MAS by Ellen Jane Lorenz (90 cents); STANDARD ANTHEMS for three-part mixed choirs, soprano, alto, and baritone (\$1); THE TWO-PART CHOIR NO. 7 compiled by Rob Roy Peery, (\$1); THE SONG OF THE ANG-ELS, a Christmas cantata for mixed voices by Van Denman Thompson (\$1); GOOD TIDINGS OF JOY, a Christmas cantata for mixed voices by Forrest G. Walter (\$1); THE AMATEUR CHOIR NO. 6 compiled by Roger C. Wilson (\$1.25); and A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR HANS, the story of "Away in a Manger", a Christmas cantata-drama by Ellen Jane Lorenz (50 cents). Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

BAPTIST BOOM

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 — Southern Baptists, "once regarded as a cantankerous, Bible-banging sect of non-conformists, have emerged from their isolation in the past few decades to lead a worldwide Baptist movement, most successful Protestant movement in the U. S. today." "Southern Baptism," says TIME in its current (Dec. 5) issue, "is bigger, busier and a lot better than ever."

The Southern Baptist Convention has lately boosted its membership to 8.2 million. (Total number of Baptists around the world: about 22 million.) In the past five years, Southern Baptists have baptized an average of 1,000 new members a day. Their 30,000 affiliated churches in twenty-four states, Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska and the District of Columbia own property worth 1.2 billion dollars, up from \$276 million in 1945. Sunday School membership gained 597,361 last year for a total of 6,356,489.

500,000 Baptists in Russia

Baptist churches are being built as fast as new congregations are organized. In Texas alone, where Baptist membership has nearly doubled in the past 15 years — up to 1.4 million — an average of two newly organized churches is being added weekly to the Baptist rolls. "If you see a new building going up," says a Little Rock, Ark., real estate dealer, "you can be sure it's either a new supermarket or a Baptist church."

The Baptist movement is equally impressive in foreign countries. There are close to 650,000 Baptists in Asia, 223,000 in South America. In Europe there are about 1.1 million Baptists, 500,000 of them in Russia, where the movement is booming.

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Home Board Supports Chaplaincy Actions

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — The Home Mission Board has backed up its Chaplains Commission after the Commission refused to extend the endorsement of a Southern Baptist chaplain serving with the Veterans Administration.

The chaplain, Lemuel Hall, is suing the Commission in Fulton County Superior Court here for \$161,500. He charged members of the Commission libeled him when they refused to re-indorse him after Dec. 31, 1954.

The Veterans Administration hospital at Oteen, N. C., said Hall's chaplaincy there was automatically terminated when the Southern Baptist agency declined to re-indorse him.

Hall appealed through the Civil Service Commission, and won a favorable ruling. The Civil Service Commission said the VA chaplain must be reinstated and paid for the period since his services were terminated.

Civil Service officials said Hall had no opportunity to reply to complaints made against him before he lost the chaplain's position at Oteen.

The Home Mission Board, under which the Chaplains Commission operates, issued this statement:

"After receiving various complaints with reference to services being rendered by Laurel Hall, a chaplain of the Veterans Administration, the Director of the Chaplains Commission conferred with the Rev. Hall. Following this conference with Hall he agreed to resign his position with the Veterans Administration and submitted his resignation which he later withdrew.

"The Chaplains Commission held two special meetings at the request of Chaplain Hall at which he was present and the complaints were discussed with him.

"Upon the withdrawal of his resignation the members of the Chaplains Commission unanimously agreed that it was their duty not to renew its annual endorsement of Chaplain Hall."

The Home Mission Board then passed a resolution expressing "full confidence in the Chaplains Commission" and approving "its handling of the Lemuel Hall matter." The nature of the complaints against Chaplain Hall were not stated.

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The free way of life versus the Godless, materialistic totalitarianism is the struggles discussed in the book DECLARATION OF FREEDOM by Elton Trueblood. These thoughts were originally delivered as the Clover Lectures at Brown University in 1954. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher, Harper and Brothers Publishers, New York. Price: \$1.50.

50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

Rev. Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.

50 Years Ago

The Water Valley Church contributed to the Baptist Orphanage on a recent Sunday "something over \$700.00, and is not all in yet."

Pastor W. S. Allen gives up the pastorate of the Lumberton Church to enter the Louisville Seminary.

The Second Church, Jackson (now Calvary) has adopted plans for a new \$15,000 brick house of worship under the leadership of Pastor W. P. Price.

40 Years Ago

Missionary J. E. Wills and wife sailed from Shanghai, China, on November 12 and are due home soon and will reside temporarily at Raleigh.

Prof. T. P. Scott of Hattiesburg was appointed as chairman of a committee of the Mississippi College authorities to solicit the cooperation of the Baptist people of Mississippi in an effort to plant a tree from every county in the state on the college campus. "These will be marked and a record kept of them," explained Mr. Scott.

Should SBC Study Its Agency Work?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Should there be an intensive study of the work done by Southern Baptist Convention boards and agencies?

Five members of the Convention's Executive Committee will be looking for an answer to that question between now and May.

Carr P. Collins, member of the Executive Committee from Dallas, Tex., told the Committee meeting here that he believed there is "a very acute need for intensive examination and study of work of agencies and boards of the Southern Baptist Convention."

He said he thought "nothing but good" could result from such a study.

Other members of the Executive Committee declined to put the Committee on record favoring a study, but agreed to let a five-man committee consider his proposal for such a study.

The five are to report back to the Executive Committee next May in their meeting which immediately precedes the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City.

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Realizing the need of indoctrinating Baptists, I. M. Shivers of Winter Park, Florida has written a book entitled NUGGETS OF SCRIPTURE, which covers many doctrinal matters. Subjects are listed alphabetically. Order from Bible Times, Box 6721, Orlando, Florida. Price: \$1.00.

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BSU GREATER COUNCIL

Pictured above is the Greater Council of the Northeast Junior College BSU, the newest BSU in the State, as follows: Seated, left to right, are Eugene Gifford, 1st Vice-President; Jo Ann Lee, Third Vice-President; Olene Johnson, Second Vice-President; Billy Hester, President.

Second Row: Reece Newby, Union County Representative; Dorothy Stevens, Tippah County Representative; Alice Pickens, Recording Secretary; Barbara Taylor, Chorister; Joy Dean Wingo, Treasurer; Joe Nick Brewer, Reporter.

Third Row: Doris Freeman, Girls' Dorm Rep.; Sarah Deaton, Booneville Rep.; Robert Heflin, Ass't. Chorister; Truman Dawson, Pianist; Ruth Lee Glenn, Corresponding Secretary.

Not Pictured: William Arnold, Prentiss County Rep.; Josephine Essary, Alcorn County Rep.; Mary Jean Hancock, Enrollment Secretary; Daniel Burden, Football Dorm Rep.; Leland Wells, Basketball Dorm Rep.; Miss Laverne Bray, Faculty Adviser; Mr. George Hopkins, Faculty Adviser; Dr. Alvin O. Collins, Pastor Adviser; Leon Parrish, Tishomingo County Rep.; John Wayne Green, Booneville Representative.

Miscellaneous

We urge those students who want to volunteer for the nine Student Summer Missions places adopted by the BSU Convention last Fall to write us right away or before February 1. Miss. BSUs plan to send one to Mexico, 4 to the West, one to Ohio and three for work in Mississippi. Vacation Bible School experience is important. BSUs over the Convention sent out a total of 96 last summer.

William Carey, BSU recently presented a Lottie Moon program before the Miss. Southern BSU. Participating were Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Martin, Don Stewart, Miss Jewel Hannah, and Camille Ongals.

Baptist Hospital reports 90 of its 114 Baptist students belong to a Jackson church; 90 give systematically; 50 tithe; 7 joined a local church last month.

Recruits for Christ, the excellent Foreign Mission Board film which is available free to all BSUs, has thus far been shown at East Central Jr., Jones Jr., Delta State, Baptist Building, Miss. State and Co-Lin; is to be shown at Holmes Jr., Belhaven, et. al.

Don't forget Student Night at Christmas Dec. 25, Pastors and Home Churches.

A contribution from Corrine Griffin, of New Orleans, who was Miss. BSU's first Summer Missionary (1947) while a student at Blue Mountain, brings the total thus far to \$738.81, leaving \$2261.19 to go on the \$3,000 goal.

Those applying directly to Home Mission Bd. for summer work must do so by Feb. 1, remember.

Latest meanderings include a most helpful and enjoyable annual State BSU Secretaries' Seminar in Nashville, an enjoyable brief visit on Co-Lin Campus and in Wesson Church, a wonderful time of fellowship including the wife with the Frank Hortons, the M. C. Executive Council, President and Mrs. Nelson and Pastor and Mrs. McIntire in the Horton home in Clinton where, incidentally, baby Angela Sue regally reigns.

Big event coming in January: Dedicated Vocations Week.

Twenty unsaved are reported from Holmes Jr. Recreation is held in Goodman Church annex for all students who stay over on the weekends.

Delta State reports approximately 39 unsaved, two converted, two joining a local church, 97 in Noonday. The BSU float received first in the Homecoming parade.

Eleven from Clarke joined First Church, Newton, last month.

Of the 115 students at Campbell College, Jackson, 40 are Baptists.

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Sparks & Splinters

Heather Suzanne McDowell, 16-month-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. McDowell, Southern Baptist missionary to Paraguay, was drowned Saturday, December 10, according to a cable received by Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

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A Kentucky Baptist evangelist who was a guest in a Baptist home in a community where he was holding a revival meeting accidentally cut his face while shaving. The little daughter of the hosts, seeing blood on his face, asked: "What happened?" "I was thinking about my sermon and cut my face," the preacher replied. "Wouldn't it be better for all of us if you'd think about your face and cut your sermon?" asked the little girl. — Edwin L. McDonald

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Dr. L. B. Cobb, Stewardship Director, for the Texas Baptist Convention, has released a new booklet entitled, "Fund-Raising and Budget Promotion," in which he presents the "Approved Workers" Plans, which he has been using for some time. A special committee of four pastors assist him in promoting the program, through the six pastors, who are serving as "Approved Workers" on a self-sustaining basis.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—A total of 688,772 study course awards were issued by the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, year ending Oct., 1955. Texas led with 141,463 awards issued; Georgia, second, with 58,589; North Carolina, 57,313; and Alabama held fourth place with 55,682.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Changes in territories served by the 49 Baptist Book Stores have been announced by Jay O. Turner, manager, Sales Department, Sunday School Board. The purpose of the changes is to improve customer service. Trade areas, transportation facilities, and Baptist strength were factors considered in making the territorial realignment. Watch your state paper for advertisements outlining the new territories. The book store managers will notify all customers by mail of the changes.

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Jay Higginbotham, Mississippi College freshman from Pascagoula, has been awarded the Greek L. Rice Memorial Award for 1955-56. This is a cash award made in memory of the late attorney general Greek L. Rice, a member of the 1908 graduating class of Mississippi College, and for many years a member of the Board of Trustees. The prize is given for the best presentation and interpretation of reading.

Two-thirds of the people of the earth will have no Christmas this year, because they know nothing about it. Although the Christian church has celebrated Christmas for more than 1,800 years, more than one billion people have never heard the Christmas story.

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A motion picture paved the way for missions to enter the budget of a small, rural church. Land I Love, a survey film of the home mission program, was shown in a church that was not giving anything to missions. After the presentation, a special mission offering was taken, with \$120 being received. Soon thereafter, \$240 was put into the church budget for the Cooperative Program. When this Home Mission Board film poignantly presented the vast need to the church, the people responded with a mission-vision liberality.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Ward, Carthage; Rev. Joseph T. Nail, Columbus; Will M. Whittington, Greenwood; J. W. Fagan, Laurel; Martha Clay, Claudette Burnside, Barbara Lewis Tucker, Jackson; E. L. Davis, Natchez; Ralph Marshall, Jr., Natchez; Mrs. Watts Webb, Florence; Rev. Frank Armstrong, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Julius O'Neal, McMomb; Rev. W. C. Wall and Lazelle Wall, Lena; Al Finch, DeSoto; Rev. Vellie Scott, Clinton; and Rev. Benton E. Evans, Hazlehurst.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Jasper County Association, which met in fifty-second annual session on September 20 and 21. The meeting was held with the Fair Ridge Church. The next sessions are to be held at the Antioch Church. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the resolutions recently adopted by the Valley Park Church concerning Rev. Jack Butler, who has resigned the pastorate there after two and one-half years. The resolutions call attention to his rare ability, keen insight, able leadership, and high Christian ethics. According to the resolutions, "Brother Butler has unselfishly served the individual citizens of our community during moments of distress and sorrow." The resolutions were signed by the deacons as follows: A. T. Wright, Carl Newman, L. M. Barnett, Virgil N. Worthy, Gordon Holloway, James Whitten, and C. B. (Buddy) Newman.

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"Do you really want to please your pastor with a gift this Christmas? Just go quietly to him and say, 'I want to help you in church work whenever I can during the coming year.'" — Oren Arnold in "Presbyterian Life." . . .

Convention Board Elects Trustees For Mississippi Baptist Seminary

At the recent meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, trustees for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary were elected as follows:

Terms expiring 1956:

Rev. Wilfred M. Lee, Leland
Rev. Robert Martin, Jackson
Rev. Howard Aultman, Tupelo

Rev. J. Price Brook, Pickens
Terms expiring 1957:

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, Jackson

Rev. I. M. Prince, Hattiesburg

Rev. Gordon Sansing, Jackson

Terms expiring 1958:

Rev. J. R. Davis, Columbia

Dr. John McCall, Vicksburg

Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus

Rev. E. F. Graeser, Meridian

NBC Radio Program To Feature So. Baptists

The National Broadcasting Company's weekly radio program, "Faith In Action," will feature Southern Baptists for the first four Sundays in January. They will be produced by the Radio and Television Commission.

General theme of the four programs will be "The Christian Home in Days of Crisis," according to Paul M. Stevens, director of the Commission.

Dr. T. B. Maston, long-time head of the department of social ethics at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, will be moderator of all the programs.

Lorenz Publishing Company, Dayton 1, Ohio has recently published "The Chapel Series of Octavo Anthems for Mixed Voices." The series includes five sheets of music, each selling for 20 cents. The songs, termed "moderately easy" are: "Lead On O King Eternal," "Speak to Us, Lord Jesus," "Walking With Jesus," "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," "Jesus, Loving Shepherd," and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." "Moderately difficult" is "The Temple Series of Octavo Anthems for Mixed Voices" by the same publisher. There are eight of these for 20 cents each. In the "difficult" category are "The Cathedral Series of Octavo Anthems for Mixed Voices," published by Lorenz. The series includes ten numbers, 20 cents each. Order from the publisher or the Baptist Book Store.

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Many Mississippians will be interested in the news that Dr. Kyle M. Yates, for many years professor of Old Testament at Southern Seminary, and for the past ten years pastor of the Second Church, Houston, Texas, is resigning in order to accept an appointment to the faculty of Baylor University as Professor of Bible. When Dr. Yates presented the resignation the church took no action, hoping to get him to change his mind. The church also adopted a resolution urging him to stay with the church. During his pastorate at Houston, the church has grown to 6100 members. Mrs. Yates is the former Margaret Webb Sharp of Jackson.



THE WORLD IS CALLING

Graves, Carbondale, Ill., will be highlighted on another of the programs. She is the mother of five successful Christian members of society — Dr. Harold Graves, Berkeley, Calif., president of Golden Gate Seminary; Dr. Allen Graves, Louisville, Ky., dean of the school of religious education, Southern Seminary; Dr. Rachel Bodoh, director of elementary education, Hibbing, Minn.; Mrs. W. A. Arnold, Jr., Houston, housewife and Dr. James H. Graves, Grosse Point Park, Mich., psychiatrist.

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Correction: A mistake appears in a news item appearing in several denominational papers concerning postage rates for weekly church bulletins mailed as second-class matter. In the article distributed by a News Service it is stated: "there is a minimum charge of one cent per copy for all second-class matter delivered by carrier from the post office in which it is mailed". The quotation is true if the church bulletin is issued more often than once a week. However, since church bulletins are published weekly, the reference is not to them. In Postal Manual 1954 Part 132.1 Paragraph A, which applies to weekly church bulletins entered as second-class matter, the postal rate is given in the following words, "By carrier: Weekly newspapers (minimum 1-8 cent per copy); one cent per pound."

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Georgia Baptists Assail Governor On Temperance

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (BP) — The Georgia Baptist Convention at its annual session here said Gov. Marvin Griffin displayed a "treacherous" attitude toward legislation paving the way for breweries to be built in Georgia.

The same social service commission report that criticized the state's chief executive also rapped the state legislature for its action on temperance legislation.

The convention authorized employment of a state worker to follow the Home Mission Board pattern in work with Negro Baptists in the state.

(Editor's Note: Mississippi has been having a Negro work program for years.)

The more than 2000 Baptists who attended the sessions in Savannah adopted a 1956 Co-operative Program budget of more than \$2 1/2 million, which is 36 per cent higher than the 1955 budget amount.

Included in state Baptist work next year will be \$350,000 for capital improvements at six state Baptist Colleges and start of construction of a home for the aged near Waycross. About

\$100,000 may be used for the home for the aged.

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Christian Morality Tract Now Available

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) Can You Be Trusted? is the title of a new tract now available by the Sunday School Board to be used in connection with the Crusade for Christian Morality.

This is the first of three quarterly tracts, on the subjects emphasized in the Crusade, to be prepared in 1956.

Donald F. Ackland, editor of general tracts at the Board, estimates this year's circulation of general tracts will exceed 9 1/2 million, an increase of one million over last year's figures. During the year, eight new tracts have been published, bringing the total number of titles to 95.

Applications for tracts should come from the churches addressed to the Tract Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The policy of the Board is to make free tract grants in reasonable quantities to churches and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

'Christian Social Action' Brings Gains In Louisiana

SHREVEPORT, La. — (BP) — Christian social action has brought "phenomenal gains" to Louisiana in recent years, a Baptist minister reported to the Louisiana Baptist Convention here.

Mark A. Lower, of Baton Rouge, said in a social service report that in 3 1/2 years about 7000 slot machines have been destroyed in the state. Casinos have been closed; roulette wheels have quit spinning, and the weak and ignorant no longer lose millions of dollars at bingo games and raffles.

Yet one form of gambling remains — legalized racing and the betting that occurs there, he declared. The state's Baptist announced their opposition to this form of wagering.

J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, told the convention of nursing schools operated by the state being infiltrated with sectarian theological beliefs.

"A certain denomination," Grey continued, without calling any name, has reportedly interfered with freedom of physicians to perform in state-owned hospitals certain gynecological and obstetrical operations opposed by that faith.

Public Affairs Committee

He later singled out Charity Hospital at New Orleans as an illustration. Grey made his statements in the report of the

public affairs committee, of which he is chairman.

The convention's president, who was re-elected, said the convention should consider providing care for the aged, a field in which Louisiana Baptists have no work. The president is S. C. Rushing, pastor, Istrouma Baptist Church, Baton Rouge.

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Dr. Edward B. Willingham has been appointed the first general secretary of the American Baptist Convention foreign mission board. The secretaryship was created earlier when the Convention's two foreign mission societies merged. Willingham, who has been pastor of National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., and who is son of a former secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, assumes his new duty in January.

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The 1956 Graded Series of home mission studies on the American Indian, for January and February studies in home missions, include the following: THE TRIBES GO UP (50 cents) by B. Frank Belvin (for Adults), which is an overall presentation of Indian missions, interesting, live, and challenging; INDIAN LIFE ON NEW TRAILS (50 cents) by Victor M. Kaneubb (for Young People) which depicts the modern Indian, outside influence, integration, the In-



Beulah Anderson has woven threads of tragedy, mystery, service, and romance in her beautiful, entertaining, inspiring new book, published by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Martha Page and six others of the Page family deal honestly and courageously with a question faced by many Christian youth — how can I use my life for God? In a tale of Christian adventure staged at Page House in the country, Martha Page found calmness amid confusion when she could say, "The years of our lives are given for service of some kind, and who but God shall know what that service is to be, whether here or there, where it begins, or where it ends? . . . It is all right whether I go or stay. It is but mine to follow." Order MINE TO FOLLOW from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher for \$2.75.

dian's contribution to his own betterment; PATHS IN PAPA-GO LAND (50 cents) by Guyton-Sorrells (for Intermediates), which discusses Indian missions in Arizona and the West; BEYOND THE DESERT (59 cents) by Harold E. Baer (for Juniors) which has all the elements of a novel, but is as true to facts as history, presenting the Navajos; and SKIAS-CHUI (50 cents) by Leila Sieg (for Primaries) which is an Indian picture storybook with pages to color for pupil activity.; SOURCE BOOK AND TEACHING HELPS (separate book for each of the five groups), (15 cents each). Plan for all-church mission study for every member of the family. Order these books from the Home Mission Board of the SBC, Atlanta, Ga. or from the Baptist Book Store.

TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE for 1956 (Fleming H. Revell Co., 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey) is a highly acclaimed guide to the teaching of the International Sunday School Lesson. Edited by Frank S. Mead and selling for \$2.50, it includes lesson outlines, exposition, comments, explanations, discussion of the lesson background and coverage of biographical and historical data. There are long pages of illustrations and lists of recommended visual aids. Order the 432-page commentary from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Simpson County Association which met in its 103rd annual session with the Pine Grove Church on October 17 and 18. The next session will be held with the D'Lo Church on October 22 and 23, 1956. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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The 1956 POINTS FOR EMPHASIS by Clifton J. Allen is just off the press. It is a compact, to-the-point Sunday School lesson commentary published annually by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. The price is 75 cents.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 35th annual session of the Scott County Association, which was held with the Morton, Clifton, and Forest Churches on October 24 and 25. The next session will be held with the Sardis, Ludlow, and Forest Churches on October 29 and 30, 1956. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

The behind-the-scenes story of the Billy Graham crusades in Scotland, England, and on the Continent is revealed in a book, BILLY GRAHAM: A MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, published by the Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, N. J. Author of the new book is George Burnham, staff writer for the Chattanooga News-Free Press and one of the nation's outstanding reporters of religious news stories. Burnham was with Billy Graham day after day, week after week during the five-month tour while the number who came to listen climbed past the 4,000,000 mark and as more than 100,000 stepped forward to be recorded as converts. Burnham's stories of commoners and queens, young and old, laymen and ministers exemplify the spiritual impact of the evangelist and his message in Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Billy Graham wrote the introduction. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher for \$2.

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HIGLEY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY in its 23rd annual volume is published by the Higley Press, Butler, Indiana, and sells for \$2. The commentary follows the International Uniform Lessons and gives verse by verse exposition and analysis of the Scripture. Other helps include suggestions for teachers, a homiletical outline, devotional readings, daily Bible readings, maps, keyed review questions, an object lesson for each Sunday, lesson illustrations, 53 three-minute homilies on the memory selections of the year by 53 American ministers, etc. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher. The editors are R. D. Higley, L. R. Ringenberg, John Paul, J. A. Huffman.

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The 9th annual volume entitled ROZELL'S COMPLETE LESSONS, 1956, has been released by Rozell and Company, Tyler, Texas. The popular commentary on International Bible Lessons may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher for \$2.75. Sunday School teachers and Bible scholars will find it a great aid in preparing lessons for the coming year.

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Experiences of long years of missionary life bring great surprises. Certainly the poor Florida cracker who decided in childhood to make a big sacrifice for her Lord, leaving home and all prospects of a comfortable life to carry the gospel to foreign shores, never dreamed of the deep joy and happiness which has come in service and never expected to find a new home, family ties, and friends just as dear as the old ties. — Mary Pimm (Mrs. R. Cecil) Moore, missionary to Chile